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Berlin Blockade To Be Lifted

Agreement On Main Issues Reached

JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT BY BIG FOUR POWERS

May 12 Likely Date

NEW YORK, May 4 (U.P.A.): Respresentatives of the four powers announced today that "agreement has been reached on all of the main question" involved in lifting the ten-month-old Berlin blockade.

In Washington, the United States State Department announced that agreement "in principle" was reached on lifting the Berlin blockade.

A joint announcement by the American, British, French and Russian representatives said that certain deta ils still had to be worked out. The four-power communique said it was hopeful that remaining matters of detail can be adjusted in a "very short period of time".

"If these details are speedily arranged, it is the intention that a communique embodying the agreement reached will be issued simultaneously in the four countries at 8 a.m. New York time tomorrow", the announcement said.

It added that specific agreement was reached that all restrictions imposed in Germany would be "mutually lifted". This referrred to the Soviet blockade of Berlin and the Western counter-blockade.

It added that

The communique was issued following a ninety-minute conference by United States Ambassador Philip Jessup, Soviet delegate Jacob Malik, Britain's Alexander Cadogan and France's Jean Chauvel. The communique was read to reporters by Porter McKever, chief press officer for the American United Nations delegation, on behalf of all the four powers.

DEADLINE FIXED

P.T.I-Reuter adds: No dates were mentioned in today's announcement, but it was learned reliably that Russia accepted May 12 for the ending of restrictions in Germany and May 23 for the Foreign Ministers' meeting.

The Council of Foreign Ministers, assembling for the first time since its fruitless London talks in November 1947, will "consider questions relating to Germany and problems arising out of the situation in Berlin, including also the question of currency in Berlin", the communique said

MUTUAL

The communique said, inter alia:—"There are certain details still under consideration, but it can be said specifically that agreement has been reached that all restrictions imposed in Germany, which have been the subject of these conversations, will be mutually lifted.

"After an interval, a meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers will be held. The Council will consider questions relating to Germany and problems arising out of the situation in Berlin, including also the question of currency in Berlin.

"The four representatives are hopeful that the remaining matters on detail can be adjusted in a very short period of time.

"If these details are speedily arranged it is the intention that a communique embodying the agreement reached will be issued simultaneously in the four countries at 1200 G.M.T. (5-30 p.m. I.S.T.)

"If it proves necessary to have a further discussion of the remaining details such a discussion will be held in the near future".

EVATT-ACHESON TALKS

WASHINGTON, May 4. (UPA)—Australia's Foreign Minister Herbert Evatt President of the United Nations General Assembly, conferred with Secretary of State Dean Acheson today and told reporters that "we had a general discussion on United Nations matters covering a wide field" . . He refused to reveal any details.

JOYOUS REACTION

NEW YORK, May 4. (UPA)—Thirty minutes after announcement of the Big Four agreement on Germany today, the United States spokesman announced to waiting newsmen that "final details have been cleared. A communique will be issued at 8-00 a.m. tomorrow".

Reaction at Lake Success was joyous. General A.G.L. McNaughton of Canada said: "It's very satisfactory that the four powers primarily concerned in the Berlin issue should have reached agreement on this matter. I hope it will set a habit of agreement which will continue into other fields".

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt smiled broadly and said that "it is very good".

J. Drohojowski, the Polish delegate, commented that "we are always happy when everybody agrees".

O. G. L. NO. XI SUSPENDED

Restrictions On Imports

NEW DELHI, May 4 (API): The Government of India today announced the suspension of Open General Licence Number Eleven which was issued in the latter part of last year to facilitate larger imports of industrial and consumer goods from soft currency areas.

The Government of India who have all along been watching the effect of their present liberal import policy on their foreign exchange position, now consider that the time has come when the policy must be revised. Imports during the last few months have been so large that there has been a heavy adverse balance of trade during these months.

Accordingly, the list of articles under Open General Licence Number Eleven is being reviewed and in the meantime, as a "preliminary and precautionary" step, the licence has been suspended with effect from today

In a 'communique' issued from the office of the Chief Controller of Imports tonight said that restrictions on imports from soft currency areas were considerably liberalised during the latter part of 1948. These measures were taken partly as a result of the easier foreign exchange position and partly with a view to facilitating a larger supply of industrial and consumer goods in the country.

As a result of the suspension, no letters of credit will be allowed to be opened after this date for articles covered by Open General Licence No. XI. Importers are also warned in their own interests, adds the 'communique' not to make any fresh commitment with foreign supplies as it may be not possible to allow goods to be imported against such commitments. They are also advised to take steps to cancel any outstanding orders under Open General Licence No. XI which do not involve any irrevocable commitments. Any shipment made on or before May 20, 1949, will, however, be allowed to be cleared as hitherto.

DIVISION OF ASSETS OF RED CROSS SOCIETY

KARACHI, May 3 (P.T.I.-Reuter). The Pakistan Red Cross Society expect a share of about Rs. 50,00,000 from the division of cash assets and stores of the Indian Red Cross Society.

Pakistan's share in the cash assets of the Red Cross was fixed at 17 1/2 per cent. in medical and after care funds.

Both these shares will total about Rs. 25,00,000.

Although the value of the Red Cross stores has not yet been assessed, the Pakistan Red Cross share in stores is expected to be Rs. 25,00,000 in value.

While Pakistan will get 17 1/2 per cent. of assets of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, she will not share anything out of the Lady Chelmsford Maternity and Child Welfare Fund.

SHOOTING INDIANS IN SUMATRA

Dutch Apology To Our Government

NEW DELHI, May 4. (A.P.I.): The Dutch Government in Indonesia have apologised to the Government of India for the shooting of three Indians by Dutch paratroopers at Djambi (Sumatra) in December last, according to a press note issued by the External Affairs Ministry here today.

The communication from then Netherlands Government's Far Eastern Office to the Indian Consul-General in Batavia, is in reply to the question of India's protest lodged early last month.

The press note said that India s Consul-General in Batavia had been assured that he would be kept informed of the result of the investigation now in progress and that the Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Netherlands Indonesian Army would not fail to take measures which lead to the prosecution and punishment of the "guilty paratroopers".

COMPENSATION

The communication from the Far Eastern Office to the Consul-General for India in Batavia states that "the Government of Indonesia takes this opportunity to accept responsibility for the crime committed by a unit of the Royal Netherlands Indonesian Army against three Indian nationals and to offer their sincerest apology to the Government of India for this most unfortunate incident".

The Consul-General for India has been requested to "convey their deep regret for sorrow inflicted upon relatives of victims and to inform them that the Government is prepared to offer indemnification and compensation".

IDENTIFICATION

The Consul-General has further been assured that he would be kept informed by the Far Eastern Office of the result of the investigation now in progress, which has not yet been completed owing to the fact that since the early withdrawal of the army unit from the area of action guilty paratroopers could not yet be traced and arrested.

The reasons or motives for the killing of the three Indian nationals, the communication adds, have not yet been established. However, from testimony of witnesses it appears that sufficient indication exists which will reasonably lead to the identification of the culprits.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Netherlands Indonesian Army, the Consul-General has been assured, will not fail to take measures which will lead to prosecution and punishment in accordance with law.

STATUTE OF EUROPE

Agreement At London Meeting

LONDON, May 4 (PTI-Reuter)—Complete agreement was reached on the Statute of Europe at this morning's meeting of the conference of ten Foreign Ministers in London, it is learnt from an authoritative source.

A drafting session was to be held this evening to prepare for tomorrow's formal signature of the Statute by the ten Foreign Ministers.

The Foreign Ministers were expected to decide tomorrow to admit Greece and Turkey to the opening session of the Council of Europe at Strasbourg in August. Though the Greek and Turkish Governments will not sign the Statute tomorrow, the question of their admission will not be referred for discussion to the Council in Strasbourg.

M. Paul Henri Spaak, Belgian Foreign Minister, who has not yet come to London was expected to by here tomorow for the signature of the Statute. The other nine countries concerned Britain, Italy, Holland, Luxembourg, Eire, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and France have all been represented by their Foreign Ministers.

VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

WASHINGTON, May 4 (PTI-Reuter): Secretary of State Dean Acheson today announced "imminent" American action about alleged violating by Hungary, Bulgaria and Rumania of human rights clauses in their 1945 peace treaties.

He disclosed that the three East European nations had rejected United States charges after the sentence on Cardinal Mindzenty in Hungary and other developments in Bulgaria and Rumania.

Fire Takes Toll Of 5 In Family Of 6

AHMEDABAD, May 4. (A.P.I.): Five members of a family of six were burnt to death in a fire which broke out in a house at Borsad in Kaira District according to a report received here.

The sixth surviving member, the mother, who had a miraculous escape, is suffering from shock at the loss of her husband and four children, the report added.

The house was set ablaze when a stove was being lighted, the report said. The whole family was trapped in the burning house. The mother managed to escape. The father was extricated and taken to hospital where he died. One of the children died while being rescued by the fire brigade. The other three children were enveloped in flames completely and could not be rescued.

U. N. TRUSTEESHIP FOR ITALIAN COLONIES

Indian Proposal In Political Committee

LAKE SUCCESS, May 4 (P.T.I-Reuter): The Indian proposal on the Italian colonies question, submitterd to the United Nations Political Committee today, proposes that Libya and Somaliland be placed under direct United Nations trusteeship and that a special commission be appointed to ascertain the wishes of the people of Eritrea whether they wish to be amalgamated with Ethiopia.

The Indian resolution said that India's aim was to ensure that the territories concerned attained independence in the shortest possible time.

MANY ARRESTS IN SHANGHAI

HONGKONG, May 4. (UPA)—The Communist Peiping Radio claimed today that "thousands" have been arrested in Shanghai and Formosa in a "new wave of terror" by the tottering Nationalist regime.

The Radio claimed that over 80,000 Nationalist troops were captured on April 29 at the conclusion of a great annihilation campaign in the Nanking-Shanghai-Hangchow triangle. It said full details were still being ascertained.

Bhopal To Be Taken Over From June 1

NEW DELHI, May 4 (A.P.I.): Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Deputy Prime Minister, announced tonight that the administration of Bhopal State would be taken over by the Government of India from June 1 as a result of an agreement reached with the Nawab of Bhopal.

The following is the text of Sardar Patel's statement:—

"I am glad to announce that as a result of an agreement reached with His Highness the Nawab of Bhopal the administration of the State will be taken over by the Government of India. This change will take effect from June 1, 1949.

"The administration of the State will for the time being be the direct responsibility of the Govern of India. The negotiations, which have culminated in this solution, were somewhat protracted and I congratulate the people of Bhopal on the patience with which they have followed the many arrivals and departures of the officers of the States Ministry in the State. I can assure them and especially the members of the minority community that their interests and welfare will be our primary concern in the administration of the State.

"I should also like to thank His Highness the Nawab Sahib of Bhopal for the understanding and spirit of accommodation, which he has extended to us during these negotiations and congratulated him on the spirit of self-sacrifice and high sense of public duty, which he has exhibited."

JAWAHARLAL RELAXES IN SWITZERLAND

Flight Over Bernese Alps

BERNE, May 4. (PTI-Reuter)—Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India, left early today in a military aircraft on a sight-seeing flight over the Alps. A Swiss ace pilot was at the controls.

With Pandit Nehru was M. Max Petitpierre, Vice-President of the Swiss Confederation, and M. Andre Boissier, Chief of Protocol, and Mr. Dhirajalal Desai, Indian Minister in Switzerland.

Three aircraft carried the party. Although the sun broke through a 3,000-foot ceiling, visibility was limited to a few miles.

UP THE JUNGFRAU

Official arrangements were for the Prime Minister to fly to Interlaken, where he would begin an almost vertical climb by car and rail to the 12-000-foot summit of the Jungfrau, most impressive and one of the highest peaks of the Bernese Alps. Lunch was to be at a hotel a few hundred feet from the top.

Although Pandit Nehru did not return from the Federal Council banquet last night until shortly before midnight he was up by 7 a.m. and looking out across an expanse of rich farmland to thick forests fringing the foot of the mountains.

It is almost a Kashmir horizon from Lohn, the state guest house where the Prime Minister and his private secretary, Mr. M. O. Matthai, are staying The Swiss authorities have decorated the hall, stairs and the rooms with huge clusters of flowers. They rolled a carpet down the front stairs and hung the flags of India and Switzerland side by side over the entrance.

Cooking arrangements are in the hands of a luxury hotel.

THE MANSION

Lohn is a small country mansion with red tiles and shutters which was left to the state by a wealthy insurance executive about ten years ago. The Prime Minister's neighbours are small farmers whose children cluster curiously round the gateway to the 150-yard drive. A steel-helmeted Swiss soldier with rifle guards this gate. Other soldiers and police are in the courtyard behind the house.

These security arrangements are routine whenever a state guest is in residence at Lohn. Although Pandit Nehru has not yet visited the Bear Pits —the Bear is the heraldic emblem of the city—he has taken in quite a lot of the broad arcades, steeples and statues, fountains and elaborate rococo style ornaments that give Berne much of its character. He particularly enjoyed the 80-mile drive from Zurich yesterday. Twice on the way he stopped to be garlanded by spontaneous welcoming groups.

Pandit Nehru will tonight be guest of honour at a reception given by Mr. Desai. The 500 guests include Federal Councillors, members of the Swiss Parliament, members of the diplomatic corps and prominent Swiss industrialists.

Tomorrow he plans to visit the Indian Legation and see members of the staff, meet press correspondents, sign the instruments of ratification of India's treaty of friendship with Switzerland, give a lunch to the Federal Council and drive to Geneva through Lausanne. He may take in a visit to an Indian art exhibition in Lausanne.

The treaty of friendship, a formal instrument providing for the exchange between the two countries of diplomatic representatives, was signed last autumn by Pandit Nehru and Swiss Foreign Minister, Max Petitpierre. The same two men will tomorrow put signatures to the ratification.

Among Indians in Berne to greet the Prime Minister are Mr. M. C. Chagla, Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court, Mr. Justice Rajadhyaksha, a Judge of the Bombay High Court, and the Maharajah and Maharani of Tehri-Garhwal, a small State in the United Provinces.

70-YEAR OLD "SATTI"

JUBBULPORE, May 4 (A.P.I.): A seventy-year-old wife plunged into her centenarian husband's funeral pyre and burnt herself to death.

Described as a case of "satti", the incident is reported from the village of Kisrode near Jubbulpore.

TRUMAN'S ADMINISTRATION SUFFERS DEFEAT

Vote On Anti-Labour Bill

WASHINGTON, May 4 (PTI-Reuter): President Truman's administration suffered a heavy defeat from a coalition of Southern Democrats and Republicans who in the House of Representatives last night tentatively passed a bill to retain main provisions of the Taft-Hartley Pact labelled by Unions as anti-labour.

The measure, known as the Wood Bill, was approved by 217 votes to 203. Seventy-one Democrats nearly all Southerners, joined 146 Republicans to vote for the bill.

FIERCE ATTACKS BY CHINESE REDS

First Major Battle For Shanghai

HONG KONG, MAY 4 (PTI-REUTER): CHINESE COMMUNIST TROOPS BACKED BY HEAVY ARTILLERY TODAY BROKE A WEEK'S LULL AND FIERCELY ATTACKED THE SOUTHERN ARM OF THE 130-MILE DEFENCE ARC COVERING SHANGHAI. RICHEST PRIZE OF THE CIVIL WAR.

Government troops were said to be fighting back desperately in the first major battle since the Communist sweep across the Yangtse a fortnight ago.

More than 30,000 Communists were thrown into the attack today 60 miles south of Shanghai near the strategic rail junction of Kashing, according to Chinese reports.

General Ku Shi-Kiu, newly appointed Commander of the whole Shanghai defence system, which runs south from Taichung, near the Yangtse, is believed to have established his field headquarters at Kashing to meet the Communist attack.

REINFORCEMENTS

Crack Communist General Chen Yi was reported massing at least four army groups for other attacks on the defence system, which is being reinforced continuously by Government troops from the south.

One Chinese source claimed today that nearly 100,000 American-trained and equipped Government troops had already reached the city from Taiwan Island, to join in a last-ditch stand.

One full division of newly arrived Nationalists—unusually well-equipped with automatic weapons and field pieces—jammed traffic for half an hour in the heart of Shanghai business district today.

FALL OF A TOWN

Today's Shanghai Garrison headquarters Communique admitted the fall of Hangchow, 100 miles to the south. Government defenders have "taken up positions on their second line of defence near the area".

Press reports said 4,000 Communists occupied the Lake city without resistance yesterday afternoon. The local Kuomintang Reform Committee helped the Communists to take over the city peacefully.

Other Communist columns, striking south after crossing the Yangtse and bypassing the Shanghai battlefront, are reported within 8 miles of the strategic railway city of Manchang.

Usually reliable reports reaching Hong Kong today said an appeal might be made to the United Nations to prevent Shanghai, city of six-million people, becoming a battleground.

Some of the city's leading businessmen, including British and other foreign representatives, were said to be discussing ways to make an approach on humanitarian grounds.

REPORT DENIED

The American-owned Shanghai "Evening Post" today denied reports that the United States Ambassador Dr. J. Leighton Stuart was under house arrest in Communist-held Nanking.

Quoting "reliable though confidential sources", the paper said that immediately after the occupation Dr. Stuart might have been confined to the Embassy compound, but was later allowed to move about freely.

SHANGHAI, May 4 (UPA): Reports reaching here today said Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek arrived on the Island of Formosa aboard a Nationalist warship from Shanghai.

The reports said Chiang would live in exile at Juyutan, the famous hot springs resort there.

The reports said Chiang had boarded the warship in Shanghai a week ago after conferring here for one day with top Kuomintang and Nationalist officials. At that time he issued a statement urging the Chinese people to fight against the Communists with the same energy they had displayed against the Japanese.

LABOUR LOSSES IN SCOTLAND

EDINBURGH, May 4 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Labour has suffered a net loss of 43 seats in the Scottish Borough Council elections. With almost every result declared, Labour lost 72 seats and gained 29.

GODSE ASKS FOR NEWSPAPERS

SIMLA, May 4 (A.P.I.): Nathuram V. Godse, principal accused in Mahatma Gandhi murder case, filed an application today before the full bench of the East Punjab High Court, requesting Their Lordships to provide him with copies of newspapers in the lockup.

Their Lordships forwarded the application to the police.

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DEVELOPING TRIBAL AREAS

Dr. Keskar On India Govt.'s Policy

GAUHATI, May 4 (A.P.I.): Dr. B. V. Keskar, India's Deputy Minister for External Affairs, declared in a broadcast talk tonight that it was the policy of the Government of India to do everthing possible to help the tribal areas of Assam to develop themselves socially, educationally and otherwise and come on a par with other parts of India and to make them feel one with the rest of the country and, at the same time, guard their own cultural autonomy as far as possible.

In the course of his talk recorded during his recent visit to Assam and broadcast from the Shillong-Gauhati centre of All-India Radio tonight, Dr. Keskar said the tribal areas of Assam had been assuming greater and greater importnace during the recent times, upto very recently, those regions were practically unknown, neglected and not even explored. The last war changed all that. After the war the turmoil in the far east increased and it became evident that gradually the north-eastern frontier of India was becoming as important as the north-west where immense amount of money was spent on fortification and making it safe. The partition of India in 1947 only accentuated the progress.

Fighting Near Mandalay

MOPPING UP BY BURMA TROOPS

RANGOON, May 4 (PTI-Reuter):—Fighting is in progress all along the Sagaing Hills near Mandalay where Burma troops are mopping up insurgents, the Burma Government announced tonight.

Rebels fleeing from the sector blew up a railway bridge near Shwebo, 50 miles to the north, it added. On the upper Chindwin due west of Againg, Government forces killed six rebels, when insurgents attacked a supply depot. Army units were consolidating positions in the Daiku sector about 80 miles north of Rangoon, scene of bitter fighting with Karen tribesmen last week.

ASSAULT ON CONGRESSMEN

Sachar Promises Enquiry

AMBALA, May 4. (API)—Mr. Bhim Sen Sachar, Premier of East Punjab, told a deputation of Congress workers in Ambala today that his Government was considering the setting up a special agency to hold enquiry into the complaints of the people

Complaints regarding harassment of and assaults on Congress workers in Sadhaura, Sotana and Shahabad by certain lements were brought to the notice of the Premier. The workers also protested against what they called an open conspiracy on the part of certain officials to defame the Congress.

The Premier deputed Mr. Probodh Chandra, Parliamentary Secretary, to proceed to Sadhaura and other places from where the complaints were received during recent weeks.

Sadhaura was the scene of a clash recently.

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	40"	1,68,000	"	
	Total	12,30,800	"	

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AUCTION SALE

ABOUT 36,500 mds. of maize that are aged and unfit for human consumption will be sold by auction to bonafide starch manufacturers, holding licence from the Textiles Commissioner, Ministry of Industries & Supplies, Government of India. The auction will be held at 11 a.m., May 20, 1949 at the Meeting Room of the headquarters of the Civil Supplies Department at 11A, Free School Street, Calcutta. The successful bidder shall have to deposit 10 percent of the value of the commodity immediately after the closure of the bid. But this Department reserves the right of rejecting any offer without assigning reasons. A formal letter of acceptance will be issued by Government to the successful bidder, who will have to deposit the balance money within 15 days of the auction and shall have to remove the goods from the respective godowns where these stocks of maize are now stored within one month of the auction and in the event of failure to remove the stuff within the period so stated any stock that may be left over will be treated as abandoned lot and confiscated to Government.

A portion (about 16,000 mds.) of these stocks is now stored in the Civil Supplies Depot, Siliguri, and the rest is in Calcutta godowns of this Department. Particulars of the godowns and the quantities stored in each may be obtained from the Asstt. Director, Storage and Inspection at the undermentioned address whom an intending buyer may contact for obtaining facilities of inspection. Railway wagons from Siliguri or from Calcutta will not be provided by this Department to the party, who will have to arrange their own transport, in every case.—P. DAS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY, DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL, 11-A, FREE SCHOOL STREET, CALCUTTA. 4271

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THE DY. GENERAL MANAGER (Grainshops), G. I. P. Railway, Bombay V.T., will receive tenders on the prescribed form upto 3 p.m. on 9-5-1949 for the supply of 2,000 lbs. Ice-cream Mix at the Railway Central Godown at No. D Shed Rayan Grain Market, Masjid Tender documents may be obtained free of charge from the above office. 4279

G. I. P. RAILWAY—TENDER

AS AUTHORISED by the Iron and Steel Controller, Calcutta, the Controller of Stores invites tenders for the purchase of condemned wagon body plate pieces available at Jhansi Depot. Forms obtainable from his office at Gipstore Lane, Lower Parel, Bombay 13, or from the Depot Superintendent, Stores Sub-Depot, Jhansi, at Rs. 2/- per copy, not refundable. Money Order or Cash only. Closing date 30-5-1949 at 3 p.m. (S.T.). 4264

G. I. P. RAILWAY

IMPORTANT NOTICE

THE SPECIAL station-to-station rates for Oranges, Plantains and other fresh fruits in wagon loads now in force on the G. I. P. will be enhanced approximately to the level of the quarter parcels rate from 1-6-1949.

Full particulars will be available in a Rate Circular that will be issued shortly. 4259

TENDER NOTICE NO. 38

STORES PURCHASE DEPARTMENT, EAST PUNJAB, KALKA

SEALED TENDERS superscribed as:—

1. "Cont/Textiles/for the supply of woollen materials (including blankets) and Gold Lace, Gold Braid and Gold Buttons (Ghundis) for liveries, warm clothing and belts of inferior Government Servants in the East Punjab during the year 1949-50."
2. "IRR/1/6 for the supply of Hot Rolled, unannealed 60 p.c. copper and 40 p.c. zinc leaded brass sheets 4'x4'x5/32", containing 1.1/4 p.c. lead, with a tolerance of plus/minus 5 p.c. in thickness and plus/minus .05" in width."
3. "PHD/Hardware/Best Burma refined pig lead of 99.9 p.c. purity in 1 Cwt. pigs for use in the leaded joints of Cast Iron Pipes."
- 3(b) Best White Italian Hemp Spun Yarn for use in the Joints of the Cast Iron pipes.
4. "DFO/17/63/ for the supply of uniform articles to the Forest Subordinates e.g. Woollen patties, buttons, stars, fringes, half pants, Dagger, Knife, Forest Guard Axes, Boots, Belts and Cross Belts, etc."
5. "PHD/Hardware/for the supply of Brass Bib Taps, Stop Cocks and Peet Valves etc."
6. "Supply of Gunny Bags and Ropes."
7. "Supply of Cotton Waste".

will be received by the Stores Purchase Officer, East Punjab, Kalka upto 2 p.m. on the 19th May 1949 and opened the same day at 3-0 p.m. in the presence of such tenderers who care to attend.

Tender forms and other details which are not transferable, may be had from the office of Stores Purchase Officer East Punjab, Kalka on payment of Rs. 3/- per superscribed tender in Cash or by money order which money is not refundable. The tender must be accompanied by earnest money of Rs. 500/- each. The earnest money may be deposited in Government Treasury, Post Office Saving Bank or any scheduled bank or National Savings Certificates pledged to the Assistant Stores Purchase Officer, East Punjab and deposit receipt/pass book attached to the respective tender. Cheques or cash will not be accepted.

Rates will hold good upto 30th June, 1949, inclusive.

Samples are wanted for item No. 1, 3(b), 4, 5, 6 and 7 and these must be properly labelled, sealed, signed and sent so as to reach before or by the time of opening tenders.

Non receipt of samples or other departure from any condition of the tender may disqualify the tender.

The tender is for supplies to be made in one lot for items 2, 3, 5 and on periodical rate contract for supplies to be made on required basis to the various East Punjab Government Departments for items 1, 4, 6, and 7.

STORES PURCHASE OFFICER,
East Punjab, Kalka.
"TC" 23-4-49.
(4284)

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS are invited from trained graduates (B.A., or B.Sc., B.T.s), preferably Honours Graduates with at least two years teaching experience after training and not more than 35 years of age, for admission to the Regional Graduates' Basic Training Centres for Maharashtra, Gujarat and Karnatak for the academic year 1949-50. The duration of the course will be one academic year. Candidates who pass the examination to be held at the end of the course will be given the Diploma in Basic Education. Selected candidates will receive a stipend of Rs. 40/- per month while under training and will have to enter into an agreement with the Department to serve for at least five years after the successful completion of the course. Forms of application can be had from the Director of Public Instruction Central Buildings, Poona, for which a stamped envelope should be sent. (4292)

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY

THE B.E.S. & T. UNDERTAKING

SEALED TENDER for the supply of Grains, Pulses, Tea and Sugar will be received by the Chief Storekeeper up to noon on Monday, 16th May, 1949.

Tender forms can be obtained from the Chief Storekeeper, Electric House, Fort, Bombay 1, on personal application but will not be forwarded by post. (4282)

TENDER NOTICE

THE DIVISIONAL ENGINEER, G.I.P. Railway, Loco Offices Building, Parel, invites tenders upto 3 p.m. on 20-5-49 for "construction of 3 multi-storeyed Mitra 'A' type structures consisting of 32 units each, at Sion." The form of tender, schedule and conditions of contract can be obtained from his office on payment of Rs. 2/- per set. Copies of drawings will be supplied on additional payment of Rs. 8/- per set. These sums will not be refunded. (4289)

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Partnership heretofore subsisting between us the undersigned, Pushkar Narayan Brahmwar and Brij Narayan Brahmwar, carrying on business as dealers in electrical goods and machinery at Bombay and Ajmer under the style or firm of "The General Business Corporation" has been DISSOLVED by mutual consent as from the 28th day of April, 1949, so far as concerns the said Brij Narayan Brahmwar who retires from the said firm.

All debts due to and owing by the said late firm will be received and paid respectively by the said Pushkar Narayan Brahmwar who will continue to carry on the said business under the said style or firm of "The General Business Corporation."

Dated this 3rd day of May, 1949.
PUSHKAR NARAYAN
BRIJ NARAYAN.
(4291)

NOTICE

ARTIST 1, Scale Rs. 90-10/2-140 (which is subject to revision upwards) plus allowances admissible under the rules. Matriculate who has passed Art School Examination in water and free hand drawing and who has thorough knowledge of technical photography should apply to the PRINCIPAL, B. J. MEDICAL COLLEGE, AHMEDABAD before 25th May, 1949, stating name, date of birth, domicile, caste, educational qualifications and previous experience. 4283

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SEVA DAL RECEPTION TO PATIL

The Congress Seva Dal G.O.C.s and others gave a reception to Mr. S. K. Patil at Congress House on Sunday last. Photo shows Mr. Patil and Mr. K. M. Munshi at the reception.

FIVE-STOREYED BUILDING ABLAZE IN KALBADEVI

15 Engines Fight Four-Hour Battle To Control Flames

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

For four hours early this morning, 15 fire engines of the Bombay City Fire Brigade fought the flames which had enveloped a five floor building, in one of the most crowded localities in the city.

Although three floors of the building have been charred and extensive damage caused to the building as well as to goods, luckily, there have been no casualties.

Kanta Terrace, the smoke-blacked building stands today, a gaunt and empty structure, opposite Edward Cinema at Princess Street, with the householders and others wailing around and trying to salvage what they can. The building contained a series of shops on the ground floor and both lawyers' offices and residential rooms on the upper floors.

At 3-15 a.m. this morning residents of the building were rudely woken out of their beds by the heat and smell of fire and tumbled out of the ill-fated building. By then, neighbours who had also noticed the flames had rung up the fire brigade. The engines clanged their way to the spot along deserted streets and presently there were 15 of them in operation with the bulk of the city's firemen acting under the directions of Mr. Pradhan, Chief Officer, Fire Brigade.

The Municipal Commissioner, Mr. B. K. Patel, who was informed of the stubborn fire also came to the spot.

The Fire brigade found great difficulty in bringing the fire under control early, because of the low pressure of water in the hydrants. In half an hour's time, however, this handicap was overcome and a dozen hoses poured incessant jets of water on the glowing building. By then, the flames were shooting up sky high and despite the early hour, crowds of spectators thronged the streets, setting a job to the Princess Street police.

Although the exact cause of the fire is not yet ascertained, it is stated that it originated from the shop of J. V. Navalakhi, dealers in stationery and paint materials. A great bulk of the goods in the shop have been totally destroyed and the rest have been damaged. The loss to this shop is estimated at nearly a lakh of rupees.

Rapidly spreading to the upper floors, the fire did considerable damage to the rear portion of the first, third and fourth floors. By a strange chance, however, possibly because the flames could not enter the rooms as the windows were shut, the second floor escaped with comparatively minor damage. The damage to the building as well as to the property of the various residents and shop keepers has not yet been estimated. The damage to the building alone will not be less than Rs. one lakh.

REVENUE REMISSION IN KOLHAPUR

Commemoration Of States Integration

To commemorate the integration of Kolhapur State with the Province, the Government of Bombay has remitted 10 per cent of land revenue demand for the year 1948-49 in the State. It has also been decided that the local fund cess should be levied on the land revenue fixed for collection after taking this special remission into account. The resultant loss to the District Local Boards will be made good by payment from Government treasury.

The Collector and Chief Administrator of Kolhapur has been instructed to take steps under section 84-A of the Land Revenue Code and Section 16 of the Bombay Tenancy and Agricultural Lands Act, to ensure that full benefit of this special remission is passed on by the superior holders to their tenants.

PUBLIC SECURITY ACT EXTENDED

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

By a Gazette notification, the Government of Bombay have made the provisions of the Bombay Public Security Measures Act, applicable to the Kolhapur and Danta States as well as the Jahagirs attached to the former.

The R.S.S., the Hindu Rashtra Dal, Samata Sainik Dal, the Muslim National Guards or Muslim League National Guards, Red Guards and Khaksars or the Khaksar party, have all been declared unlawful associations

GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE

NEW DELHI, May 4 (UPI): General situation in the country would be discussed at the proposed Governors' Conference scheduled to meet in New Delhi on May 8 and 9 it is learnt.

No formal agenda has been drawn up for the Conference which is expected to be attended by all the Provincial Governors.

Besides H. E. C. Rajagopalachariar, Governor-General of India, who will preside over the Conference, Pt. Nehru, Prime Minister, and Sardar Patel, Deputy Prime Minister, will also participate in the Conference.

Refugee Boy Convicted Of Pugree Charge

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

A 19-year old refugee from Lahore was convicted to two months jail and a fine of Rs. 2,100 by Mr. K. J. Khambatta, Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Court, on a charge of having takken a "pugree" of Rs. 2,100 from a person on 30-12-47, for subletting his house at Pydhonie. A further term of six weeks jail was provided in default of the fine.

Ratan P. Pratapsingh, a petition writer was given the benefit of the doubt and acquitted. He had been charged with abetment as the money was found under his typewriter.

Another accused involved in the case died during the pendency of the case.

The Magistrate directed that the accused should be detained during the term of his imprisonment in the Juvenile Section.

Dang Language Controversy

DECISION SOON SAYS PREMIER KHER

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The language controversy in the Dang District, situated in the border of Maharashtra and Gujarat is receiving the attention of the Government of Bombay and a decision is expected to be announced by Government shortly.

Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier, Mr. Morarji Desai Home Minister and Mr. M. D. Bhat Chief Secretary, visited the district during the last week to make on the spot investigations.

The district has a mixed population of Gujaratis and Maharashtrians and the controversy ranges round the medium of instruction to be used in schools. Maharashtrians claim that they are in a majority and as such Marathi should be the medium of instruction. On the other hand, Gujaratis maintain that Gujarati should be used, as the District is preponderatingly inhabited by Gujarati-speaking people.

Mr. Kher in an interview stater that Government was closely studying the question and an announcement would be made shotly in a press note. Giving his impressions of the visit the Premier said that the district has immense potentialities, as the soil is virgin and the people are hard-working and honest.

Mr. Morarji Desai said that the famine situation was well in hand, repudiating reports alleging inadequate Government relief measures. If rains fall in time, the situation would further improve, he said. He was satisfied with the progress being made in the "grow more fodder campaign" and added that the cattle in relief camps looked better than in normal times. He said that the military were still on the job of boring operations.

Mr. Morarji Desai will visit the famine-stricken areas of Gujarat again early in June.

DEVELOPMENT OF DANGS

Co-operation To Play Big Part

Co-operation is going to play a big part in the ameliorative measures the Government of Bombay proposes taking in Dangs, a district almost entirely covered by forests and inhabited mostly by Backward Class people.

A Co-operative Development Officer and a District Co-operative Officer have already been appointed in this district and steps are being taken to implement some of the recommendations made in the Backward Class Officer's report.

The Government has decided to experiment in co-operative farming in Dangs, and a suitable village is being selected to organise a co-operative farming society with the help of reliable social workers or institutions like the Village Industries Committees and the Dang Seva Mandal. Efforts are also being made to organise with the help of the Dang Seva Mandal, forest labourers' co-operative societies for the exploitation of forest coupes. The fact that, the backward people take to such form of labour readily, it is expected that such societies would prove a great success. The possibility of converting grain banks into multi-purpose societies, as soon as may be practically feasible, is also being considered.

Tagai loans have already been granted liberally to the cultivation of Dangs for agricultural and land improvement purpose. Even crops to be grown are accepted as security against tagai loans.

The Government is also paying attention to the development of handicrafts, which will go a long way in supplementing the income of the forest labourers. The question of posting a peripatetic demonstration party in the district will be considered after examining the requirements of the local artisans. A scheme for such training parties has already been sanctioned.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

DISPOSALS

SALE OF MINE SWEEPERS

TENDERS are invited for the purchase and removal of the following Mine Sweepers, located at Bombay and Vizagapatam:—

1. H.M.I.S. DECCAN.
2. H.M.I.S. ASSAM.
3. H.M.I.S. KUMAON.
4. H.M.I.S. CARNATIC.
5. H.M.I.S. CALCUTTA.
6. H.M.I.S. BIHAR.
7. H.M.I.S. KHYBER.
8. H.M.I.S. ORISSA.
9. H.M.I.S. AMRITSAR.
10. H.M.I.S. NASIK.

Tenders should be submitted in prescribed form which can be had from the Disposals Offices at New Delhi, Calcutta, Kanpur, Bombay and Madras at Rs. 5/- per set in Cash/Money order. Tender form contains dimensions and particulars of the Vessels, instruction to tenderers, conditions of sale and inspection permit.

Tenders should be addressed to the Director General of Disposals, Miscellaneous Metals & Hardware Directorate, Shahjahan Road, New Delhi and should reach him by 4 p.m on 30th May, 1949.

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NEW DELHI.

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CITY & SUBURBS

To-day

Hindu: Vaishakh Shud 7 2005
Muslim: Rajjab 6 1368
Parsi: Adar 5 1318
Sunrise 6-9 a.m. Sunset 7-2 p.m.
Hightide 04-02, 17-36 Lowtide 10-20.

Domestic Occurrence

DEATH

PATRIC-John William, husband of Sylvia and father of William and Sue, Accountant of The National City Bank of New York, May 3, 1949.

To-day's Engagements

BOMBAY NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY: The films, "High over the border" and "A heritage we guard" will be shown to members and friends at 6 p.m. at Electric House.

DADAR DISPENSARIES TO CLOSE ON SUNDAYS

The meeting of the medical practitioners practising at Dadar and Elphinstone Road West, held last week at Dr. M. B. Raut's Residence, resolved that all the dispensaries in the above locality should remain closed whole day on Sundays from 8th May 1949.

'PARLE LOKAMANYA SEVA SANGH

The Lokamanya Seva Sangh was founded on the 11th March 1923 by the citizens Vile Parle to commemorate the memory of the late Lokamanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak, with the object of working collectively for the awakening of the people and to serve them in all spheres of corporate life.

The total membership at present is about 1,000.

The institution owns a building—Tilak Mandir—and an open quadrangle Tilak Chowk. The Tilak Mandir comprises:—One assembly hall, a library, gymnasium, ration shop and stores, free reading room, office etc.

On the 24th April the Silver Jubilee was celebrated under the presidenship of the Hon: Mr. N. V. Gadgil, the Minister for Works, Mines and Power.

2ND HOUSE-FULL WEEK

LAUGH YOUR BLUES AWAY WITH BHUDO

SUPER

Daily 3-15, 6-15 & 9-15
Sun. & Hol. Mat. 12 Noon
Booking 9-30 to 11-30, 5 to 7.

JAYSINH Release

BEST RIB TICKLER!

KASHMIR FILMS
CHOUBEJI
DIXIT, GOPE, BHUDO
ADVANI, RADHAKISHEN
MAJESTIC
Daily: 3-30, 6-30 & 9-30
CAPITOL
Daily: 3-30, 6-30 & 9-30
RADHESHYAM
(Vile Parle)
Daily: 3-30, 6-30 & 9-30

8th WEEK from tomorrow of
MEETH-BHAKAR
at
SWASTIK
& 5th at
KOHINOOR
Daily 3-30, 6-30, 9-30 Sat. Sun. 1 P.M.

ADVANCE DEPOSIT FOR NON-EXISTENT PLOTS

Alleged Swindle: Vasantrai B. Mehta Remanded

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Details pertaining to an alleged swindle by which thirty men were induced to part with various sums of money as advance deposits for plots of non-existent land, came to light in the court of Mr. V. K. Muranjan, Presidency Magistrate, this morning, when the General Branch of the Bombay C.I.D., produced for remand, Vasantrai B. Mehta alias Kapadia, in this connection.

It was stated that the accused advertised in newspapers offering plots of land for sale at "Vitnal Nagar Colony" east of Khadivli Railway Station. Thirty men answered the advertisements, and he negotiated and collected from each one of the men about Rs. 500 as earnest money for the allotment of one plot of land. He is alleged to have thus collected Rs. 13,500.

Police inquiries revealed that the accused had "not an inch of land" He had a month previous to the collecting of deposits negotiated with the realowners of the land and had paid by cheque Rs. 25,000 as an advance towards the purchase price But the deal had fallen through as the cheque had been dishonoured.

But, it was alleged, the plans of the land and copies of relevant documents were still with him and he inspired confidence in his victims by showing these papers. The police alleged that when one of their officers went to the accused as a prospective buyer the accused tried it on him also.

The magistrate directed the accused to be released on a bail of Rs. 10,000.

ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The Municipal Schools Committee at its meeting today adopted a resolution recommending to the Government the appointment both of the chairman and the Secretary of the Municipal Schools Committee as ex-officio members of the City Adult Education Committee.

English Book Forfeited

The Chief Commissioner of Delhi has issued a notification, under section 19 of the Indian Press (Emergency Powers) Act, 1931, declaring to be forfeited to His Majesty all copies, wherever found, of the book in English entitled, "The Future of Islam in India", written by Mr. F. K. Khan "Durrani" published by Iqbal Academy, Outside Mori Gate, Lahore, and printed at the Ripon Printing Press, Bull Road, Lahore, and also all other documents containing copies or translation if, or extracts from it.

ALL-INDIA SHIA CONFERENCE

Mr. M. Z. A. Khan, Hony. Joint Secretary, A. I. Shia Conference writes:—

The Central Standing Committee of the A. I. Shia Conference, considering the report of the Hony. General Secretary, recommending disciplinary action against Sheikh Zakir Hussain Farooqi (Editor, "Aftab", Bombay) Secretory of the Segha-e-Ommomi (Public Relations Section) of the Conference, for his continued non-co-operation with the Centre and also contributing articles in the press contrary to the interests of the Conference, has decided to remove Mr. Zakir Hussain from his office. Saiyed Sabir Hussain of Allahabad has been elected as his successor.

LAST THREE SHOWS PRIOR TO TOUR OF SOUTH INDIA
PRITHVI THEATRES'

PATHAN FRI. 6th 10 A.M.
DEEWAR SAT. 7th 10 A.M.
GHADDAAR SUN. 8th 10 A.M.

Plans Open Book Now
ROYAL OPERA HOUSE

6th CROWDED WEEK

RAJKAMAL'S
APNA DESH
Directed by: V. SHANTARAM
AT
NEW WEST END
Daily: 3, 6-15, 9-30
Advance Booking as usual

Total Abolition Of Export Duty

A. D. Shroff's Plea

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Delivering the Chairman's speech at the annual general meeting of the Svadeshi Mills this evening, Mr. A. D. Shroff said that though he agreed it would be wrong to agitate for the removal of price controls it was his view that detailed control over production should be removed by Government as it militated against the maximum utilisation of the productive capacity of the textile industry. "The limitations placed on cerain varieties of production intended for the export markets are not calculated to assist the industry in promoting its hold on foreign markets of the world," he held, urging Government to concentrate on perfecting their machinery for the efficient functioning of control over prices and distribution.

Mr. Shroff also pleaded for the removal of the export duty altogether in view of the increasing competition which Indian textiles were experiencing in the foreign markets of the world as evidenced by a serious decline in exports in recent months.

DANGS PROHIBITION COMMITTEE

The Government of Bombay has constituted a District Prohibition Committee for Dangs under the chairman of the Collector. Among the eight other members of the Committee is Mr. D. M. Bidkar, M.L.A.

The Committee is to advise and help the Provincial Prohibition Board in respect of the Government's Prohibition policy and programme.

Radio

BOMBAY, Thursday.

244 metres (1,231 kc/s.)
31.41 metres (9,550 kc/s.)

7-30 a.m. Ramakrishna Buwa Waze, 7-45 Anwar Khan (Sitar), 8-0 News in English, 8-15 News in Hindustani, 8-30 Chaturbhuj, 8-45 News in Gujarati.

244 metres (1,231 kc/s.)
41-44 metres (7,240 kc/s.)

12-45 p.m. Musical Interlude, 12-50 Natvarlal P. Vaidya (Gujarati Bhajans), 1-0 News in Gujarati, 1-10 As In Bombay B, 1-30 News in English, 1-40 Dance Music.

244 metres (1,231 kc/s.)
31.41 metres (9,550 kc/s.)
from 5-0 to 7-45 p.m.
41-44 metres (7,240 kc/s.)
from 8-0 to 11-0 p.m.

5-0 p.m. Seetabai Chitale, 5-30 As In Bombay B, 6-10 News in Hindustani, 6-20 Sham Sardesai, 7-0 Topic of the Day, 7-10 Local Announcements and Weather Report, 7-15 Seetabai Chitale, 7-30 Anwar Khan, 7-45 Saigal Aur Suraiya, 8-0 Natvarlal P. Vaidya, 8-15 News in Gujarati, 8-30 As In Bombay B, 9-0 News in English, 9-15 News in Hindustani, 9-40 As In Bombay B, 10-0 Navinkumar Dalal, 10-20 Dennis Mathews: Piano, Reginald Kell: Clarionet, and Anthony: Cello, 10-45 Maneck Bamboat (Soprano).

VARIATIONS
353 metres (850 kc/s.)
41-44 metres (7,240 kc/s.)

7-45 a.m. News in Kannada, 8-0 M. A. Golwalkar (Vocal), 8-30 News in Marathi, 8-45 Indumati Chaubal.

353 metres (850 kc/s.)
31.41 metres (9,550 kc/s.)

12-50 p.m. News in Marathi, 1-0 Chaturbhuj, 1-10 Raswanti, 1-30 Chaturbhuj, 1-40 News in Hindustani, 1-50 Vanita Mandal.

353 metres (850 kc/s.)
41-44 metres (7,240 kc/s.)
from 5-0 to 7-15 p.m.
61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s.)
from 7-30 to 11-0 p.m.

5-30 p.m. Children's Half-Hour, 6-0 S. N. Mehta, 6-15 Calling Rural Listeners, 7-30 Commercial News, 7-45 News in Kannada, 8-0 News in Marathi, 8-15 S. N. Mehta, 8-30 Dano Ane Dukal, 8-45 Ghatmal, 9-0 Sham Sardesai, 9-30 Natvarlal P. Vaidya, 9-40 Anything Goes, 9-45 Sport Folio, 10-0 M. A. Golwalkar, 10-30 Amar Sangeet.

BARODA-AHMEDABAD. Thursday.

250 metres (1,200 kc/s.)
326.1 metres (920 kc/s.)

7-30 a.m. Morning Variety, 8-0 News in English, 8-15 Govindrao A. Shinde (Shahnai), 8-30 Nilchara Desai, 8-45 News in Gujarati, 6-0 p.m. News in English, 6-10 Nilchara Desai, 6-25 Navanitlal Jariwala, 6-35 Gramjano Mate, 6-35 Music (from Ahmedabad), 7-0 Music, 7-15 Khorak-Na-Morcha-Par, 7-30 Harihar Prasad Bhatt Kirtan (from Baroda), 7-30 Topical Item (from Ahmedabad), 8-0 Gujarati Garbas, 8-10 Local Announcements, 8-15 News in Gujarati, 8-30 Apani Farmaish, 9-0 Neews in English, 9-15 Bhavgeeten, 9-30 "Khardayeli Manavta" Musical feature in Gujarati by Bhaskar Vhora), 10-0 Govindrao R. Shinde, 10-15 Navanitlal Jariwala.

WEATHER

WEATHER SUMMARY

POONA, May 4 (A.P.I.): The following is the weather summary for Wednesday the May 4, 1949:—

Thunder-showers have been nearly general in Assam and sub-Himalayan West Bengal and occurred at a few stations in Gangetic West Bengal, Orissa and Bihar.

Day temparatures were markedly below normal in North East India out side South Orissa.

Forecast valid until the evening of 5th:— Widespread thunder-showers with isolated heavy falls will occur in Assam and Sub-Himalayan West Bengal. There will also thunder-showers in Gangetic West Bengal and a few thunder-showers in Chota Nagpur, Bihar, South East Madras and South Malabar.

WEATHER CHART

POONA, May 4 (A.P.I.): Following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rain-fall in inches during past 24 hours from 1st April 1949, and departure from normal recorded at 08-00 hrs. (I.S.T.) on May 4, 1949:—

Ahmedabad 106 76 0 0 minus 0.1; Ahmednagar 103 68 0 0 minus 0.4; Allahabad 107 81 0 0 minus 0.2; BOMBAY 92 80 0 0 0; Calcutta 90 77 0.1 6.3 plus 4.0; Colombo — 78 0 24.8 plus 14.1; Delhi 106 82 0 0 minus 0.4; Hyderabad (Dn.) 105 81 0 0.4 minus 0.8; Lucknow 104 79 0 0 minus 0.3; Madras 105 83 0 0.9 plus 0.3; Mahabaleshwar 82 63 0 0 minus 1.3; Mysore 94 71 0 2.8 minus 0.3; Nagpur 110 75 0 0.1 minus 1.1; Patna 86 72 0 1.9 plus 1.6; Poona 100 69 0 0 minus 0.6; Sholapur — 76 0 0 minus 0.6; Simla 75 59 0 2.1 plus 0.1; Surat 93 0 0 0 0.

Weather Bulletin For Farmers

FORECAST VALID TILL THE MORNING OF 6-5-1949.

Dry weather.

OUTLOOK FOR THE NEXT TWO DAYS.

No large change.

INDIAN BANKERS' ASSOCIATION

Pranlal Devkaran Nanjee Elected Chairman

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Mr. Pranlal Devkaran Nanjee, Chairman of the Denabank, today succeeded Sir Homi Mody as the President of the Indian Banks Association a special meeting of which was convened to elect a new President in view of Sir Homi's appointment as Governor of the United Provinces.

Mr. Clark of the Bank of India proposed that Mr. Nanjee be elected President and Mr. H. V. Captain of the Central Bank Vice-President. The resolution was passed unanimously.

RESULTS OF SYDENHAM COLLEGE DIPLOMA EXAMINATIONS

The following candidates have passed the Sydenham College Diploma Examinations in Accountancy and Secretarial Practice held in April 1949:—Battal U. R. Billimoria D. D. Elavia M. R. Faizee R. Kharilkar J. J. Manta R. S. Modi A. B. Patel, D. A. and Phansalkar D. N.

The following students have passed the Sydenham College Diploma Examination in Accountancy only held in April 1949:—Kapadia J. K. Mathur R. N. Sadavarte P. H. Udwadia H. S. Jacob T. M. Jacob W. P. John V. P. Kulkarni K. M. Kusurkar B. V. Limathwalla T. E. Mistry B. B. Joshi V. G. Nusserwanji J. J. Shah M. C. Shah N. S. and Taskar M. S.

The following candidates have passed the Sydenham College Diploma Examination in Secretarial Practice only held in April 1949:—Mr. Sampat P. G. Mr. Kankal P. S. and Mr. Ballal N. S.

SHRI DHANJI DEOSHI GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

Shri Dhanji Deoshi Girls High School, Ghatkopar having completed 25 years of its existence, a Silver Jubilee programme was held at Sunderbai Hall, New Queens Road on Sunday last under the presidency of Sheth Bapalal R. Gandhi, who donated a sum of Rs. 2,500 towards the construction of new class rooms. The number of students is at present in the neighbourhood of 1,000.

The Chairman of the High School Board, Shri Chimanlal Popatlal Shah thanked the public of Ghatkopar for giving handsome sums amounting to Rs. 26,000 for building additional rooms.

An interesting programme including dance and drama was gone through.

SOOR JAYANTI

Sur-Singar Sansad a recently sponsored Organisation organised its maiden function in the local Marwari Commercial High School on Tuesday to commemorate the Jayanti of Shri Soordasji Maharaj. Dr. D. G. Vyas, while paying homages to the Great Master Composer, Musician and Saint appealed to the National Government and the National Academy of Music to give the pride of place to Brajmandal, the seat of Indian Culture since the middle ages and producer of great souls like Swami Haridas (Father of Modern Indian Classical Music), Shree Soordasji, Tansenji and host of others Shri Ahevasiji, the noted Indian artist also joined in the tributes.

Pt. Bhismdev Vedi, Pt. Laxman Prasad Chaube, Mr. Madhavlal and Shri Ibrahim M. Datoobhoy entertained the audience by their music sung in the style of the great master.

M. H. SHAH AS EMPLOYERS DELEGATE

BANGALORE, May 3 (API)—Mr. Maganlal H. Shah a Bombay business man, has been appointed Employers' delegate to attend the third session of the International Labour Organisation Industrial Committee on Inland Transport opening in Brussels on May 17. The session will last ten days.

Mr. Shah, it is learnt here, also proposes to visit England, France and Germany after the Brussels meeting.

"PLEDGE SUPPORT TO CONGRESS"

Excise Minister's Appeal At Agricultural Conference

Mr. L. M. Patil, Minister for Excise and Reconstruction, Government of Bombay, inaugurated the Agricultural Conference at Shirdi, a village 8 miles from Kopargaon in the Ahmednagar District on Tuesday, May 3.

Speaking on the occasion Mr. Patil observed that the Congress alone would establish real democracy by following the path blazed by Mahatma Gandhi. He further added, "We are at present passing through a critical stage of transition and as such the present Conference is of very great importance." He appealed to the agriculturists to support the Congress and be aware of the anti-national and communal elements. He exhorted them to make India self-sufficient in foodgrains within two years.

About 5,000 agriculturists from all parts of the District attended the Conference

Mr. D. K. Kunte, Parliamentary Secretary, presided.

BRINGING WASTE LAND UNDER CULTIVATION

Eksali Leases To Be Continued

The Government of Bombay has directed that the eksali lease of lands under the "Grow More Food" campaign, which expired on March 31 last, should be continued, except in the case of lands which are likely to be disposed of permanently by May 15, for one more year. The lands will be leased to the same persons, as far as possible.

With a view to increasing production and also helping expeditious disposal of waste lands for cultivation, the Government, last year, remitted the agricultural assessment for one year in respect of waste lands under cultivation of food crops for the first time since April 1, 1948. The scheme has now been extended for another year.

Food Production Conferences

Mr. M. P. Patil, Minister for Forests and Agriculture, will preside over Food Production Conferences at Satara and Poona, on May 9 and 10, respectively.

The Minister will leave Bombay for Poona on Friday, May 6 to discuss the 'Grow More Food' Schemes with the officers of the Agricultural Department. From Poona, he will proceed to Hubli, on May 8, and will discuss 'Grow More Food' Schemes with the District Agricultural Officer.

The Minister will return to Bombay on Wednesday, May 11.

Yarn Distribution Advisory Committtee

Mr. Mohamed Amin Mohamed has been appointed as member of the Provincial Yarn Distribution Advisory Committee by the Government of Bombay. Mr. Idris represents the Bombay City Weavers' Co-operative Society on the Committee.

Claims Against Bombay Battalion U. O. T. C.

The 1st Bombay Battalion, U.O.T.C. (Bombay) was disbanded in July last year. Persons having outstanding claims or bills against it should present them to the O.C. 1st Bombay Bn., N.C.C., A.F. (I) Building, Marine Lines, Bombay before the end of this month. No claims will be entertained later.

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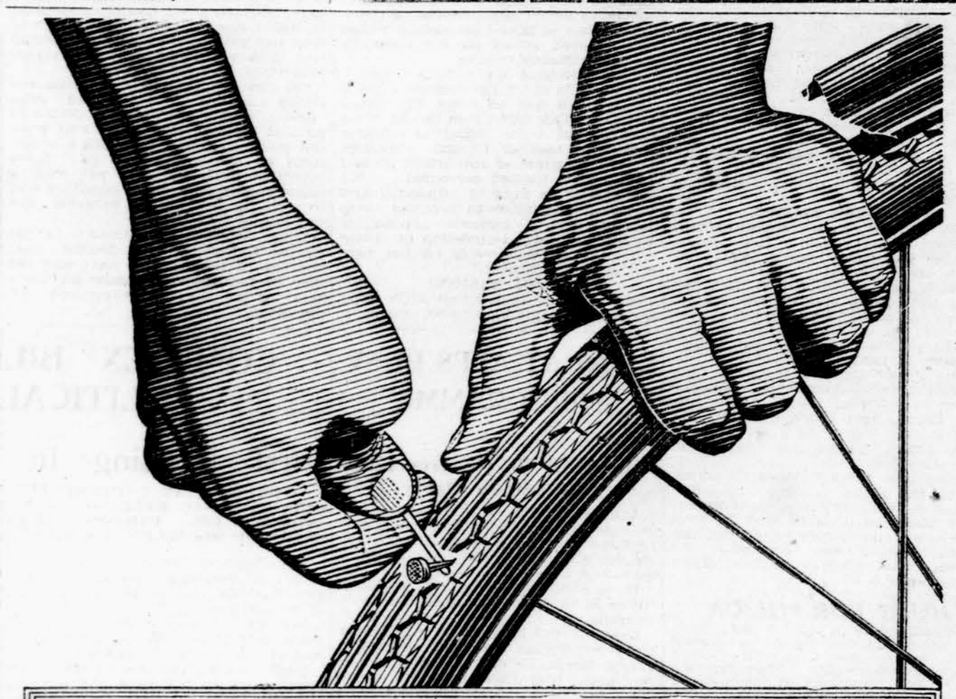

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THE DUTCH AND FRENCH WOULD DO WELL TO SETTLE WITH THEM

Danger Of Communism Would Be Much Less, He Asserts

WASHINGTON, May 3 (PTI-Reuter): A State Department spokeesmbn said today that the spread of Communism in South-East Asia would be less likely, if the "legitimate interests" of nationalists in Indo-China and Indonesia were realized.

He was replying to queries about press reports that the United States was prepared to supply arms to French forces in Indo-China.

The spokesman would not comment on the question of arms, but said: "I need hardly repeat the series of statements this Government has made on its interest in seeing the Dutch and the French settle their differences with the Indo-Chinese and the Indonesians by peaceful means.

"That interest is as lively today as it ever was.

"Nor do I need to repeat what has already been said concerning our feeling that the sooner the legitimate interests of nationalist elements in these areas are realised the less likelihood there is of the spread of Communism in South East Asia".

The spokesman knew nothing of another report that a conference on the defence of South-East Asia against Communism would be called as soon as France and Holland settled their difficulties in that area.

This report had said that the countries taking part would be the United States, Britain, India, France, Indonesia, Siam, Burma and Indo-China.

"So far as I have been able to determine there is nothing to support this report. I know of no projected conference", the spokesman said.

OPTIMISTIC NONSENSE

WASHINGTON, May 3 (PTI-Reuter): General Claire Chennault, Chief of the wartime "Flying Tigers," told the Senate armed services committee today that if China was "swallowed up" by the Communists, Indo-China, Malaya, Siam, Burma and Indonesia would also fall.

Communist occupation of South East Asia would in turn "bring grave pressure upon India and encourage the Soviets to resume their interrupted drive into the crucial region of the Middle East.

"It is optimistic nonsense to suppose that with al of Asia in Communist hands, Japan and the Philippines will remain peacefully on our side."

General Chennault, who now heads a commercial airline in China, pleaded for positive action to aid anti-Communist forces there. He urged at least a minimum programme of aid so that the anti-Communists could hold a "beachhead for the resurgence of Chinese Nationalism."

"Vast stockpiles" of arms in the Philippines and other Pacific areas could be used, he added.

PREVENT STALIN FROM CONTROLLING CHINA

AUSTIN, Texas, May 3 (UPA): The State House and Senate passed and Governor Beauford Jester signed a resolution today urging the United States to "take immediate steps to prevent Stalin from controlling China and it (the United States) should cease to throw away all that was won for us by our men who fought and died in the Pacific."

The resolution charged that Stalin had "clamped a stronghold on 20,000,000 Europeans and is now attempting to add 450,000,000 Chinese in his war machine for the very evident purpose of strengthening the Russian military machine for a third world war." It said that China was the "key to all Asia and if it falls, Indo-China, Siam, Burma, Malaya States and Indonesia will surely fall into the hands of the Communists which will then have India well within the sphere of Soviet influence."

It also asked for dismissal from the State Department and foreign services of "men whose records show that they have helped to bring our country into its present peril by following a policy of treating the Soviet Union as a peace-loving democracy and the Chinese as mere agrarian reformers who have no connection with Moscow."

The resolution followed a joint session which heard William C. Bullitt, now on a speaking tour.

FREEDOM FOR LIBYA

Britain Suggests Ten-Year Period: Trusteeship For Cyrenaica

LAKE SUCCESS, May 3, (U.P.A.): Britain proposed formally today that Libya be given independence in 10 years with Cyrenaica to be placed under British trusteeship until then and that a five-power commission consider the mandate for rest of the former Italian colony.

British Minister of State Hector McNeil proposed before the United Nations special Political Committee that a commission comprising Egypt France, Italy, Britain and the United States report to the next General Assembly session scheduled for September on the terms and conditions of trusteeship for Libya excepting Cyrenaica.

McNeil's resolution proposed the following disposition of the former Italian colonies:

Firstly, Independence for Libya in 10 years from now providing the United Nations General Assembly decides that Libya is ready to become an independent state.

Secondly, Cyrenaica to be placed Under British trusteeship.

Thirdly, a five-power commission report to the next General Assembly on a trusteeship for the rest of Libya.

Fourthly, Eritrea, except for its western province, to be incorporated into Ethiopia with guarantees for protection of minorities in Asmara, Massawa and elsewhere.

Fifthly, Eritrea's western province to be incorporated into the adjacent Anglo-Egyptian Sudan.

Sixthly, Italian Samaliland to be placed under Italian trusteeship.

McNeil told the Committee that the British proposals were not in conflict with the principles of the Charter. He added: "If we cannot reach perfection, we are obliged to get as near to perfection as possible. This is better than no solution at all. We cannot feed the political appetites of these peoples with promises of a decision tomorrow or the day after." He opposed a collective trusteeship because there was little prospect of harmony between powers.

He commented: "We have had a little experience—which I do not regret—of international co-operation in Berlin and Trieste. Without trying to apportion the blame the task was very difficult and called for extreme tact."

PRIORITY FOR ISRAEL OVER INDONESIAN ISSUE OPPOSED

Pakistan Suggests Referring Of Question To International Court

LAKE SUCCESS, May 3 (PTI-Reuter): The United Nations Minor Political Committee today began debate on the question of Israel's admission to the United Nations.

The Committee Chairman, General Carlos Romulo of the Philippines ruled that this question would have precedence over that of Indonesia which is also on the Committee's agenda.

Sir Mohammed Zafrulla Khan, chief Pakistani delegate, immediately challenged this ruling and asked the Chairman to indicate his reasons for giving Israel priority.

"The logical and natural" order in which the items on the agenda should be considered was exactly the reverse, he said.

Mr. Warren Austin (United States), supported by Australia and Mexico, expressed preference for the discussion of Israel first.

Sir Mohammed then said he did not wish to press the point to the extent of making a formal motion of disagreement with the Chairman's ruling.

PROBLEM OF ARAB REFUGEES

Dr. Ajio Abbas (Iraq) suggested that a decision on the Israeli Application be deferred until serious consideration had been given to the problems of three quarters of a million Arab refugees, the status of the holy places, and Israel's boundaries.

"Would it be wise for this Committee to vote while Israel's boundaries are at variance with a decision of the United Nations and are still an unknown quantity" he asked.

A premature decision to admit Israel might undermine the confidence in the United Nations of the hundreds of millions of citizens of member states, Dr. Abbas said.

Sir Mohammed Zafrullah Khan submitted that as one of the five permanent members of the Security Council (Britain) had abstained from voting on the question of Israel's admittance the Council's recommendation had been vitiated.

REFERENCE TO INTERNATIONAL COURT

If other members of the Committee contested this view it should be submitted to the International Court of Justice for an opinion, he said.

Before making any decision to General Assembly should be quite clear whether it had before it a valid recommendation made in accordance with the charter.

He claimed that in the circumstances the Security Council's recommendation was in effect that Israel's application be rejected. In that case the rules provided that the Assembly could send the recommendation back to the Security Council for further consideration.

Dr. Abbas, supporting the Pakistan contention moved formally that the Committee ask the Security Council to consider the nature of its vote and, if necessary, to consult the International Court of Justice for a ruling.

After the Chairman had asked Mr. Abbas for written notice of his motion the Committee adjourned until tomorrow.

WEIZMANN'S INDEPENDENCE DAY MESSAGE

NEW YORK, May 3 (UPA): Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of Israel, today asked the people of Israel on the first anniversary of the new state's independence to devote themselves to the "tasks which await us in the immediate future."

In a message dispatched to the Israeli Government, armed forces and the people of Israel, Weizmann said: "On the anniversary of Israel's independence and conclusion of the first year of national freedom, I send my greeting to the Government, Armed Forces and all citizens of Israel, including thousands of immigrants reaching our shores from all countries of dispersion. I am writing these words from afar having been detained here at an urgent request of the directors of the United Jewish Appeal. This fact in itself symbolizes the special circumstances of our life. At this very hour of celebration when our eyes are fixed on past accomplishments and victories, it is incumbent upon us to give attention to our anxieties for future.

"The moment has come to devote ourselves to unremitting efforts for absorption of immigration and economic consolidation of our State. At this very time, our Government is engaged in earnest efforts to establish relations of peace with its neighbouring states and to secure completion of our international recognition.

"Events of the passing year have been great and impressive but no less vast are the tasks which await us in the immediate future. May the first year of Israel's independence radiate its inspiration upon all coming years of freedom that are to be Israel's destiny in future years."

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COMMONWEALTH TERMINOLOGY

Elastic And In Step With Developments

LONDON, (By Radio.)

In the House of Commons Mr. W. Fletcher asked the Prime Minister what steps he took to secure the agreement of His Majesty's Government in other parts of the British Commonwealth and Empire to the progressive substitution in official usage of the term "Commonwealth" for the term "Empire"; and how far it is the intention of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to put an end to the official use of the expression "British Empire".

The Prime Minister replying said that terminology, if it is to be useful, keeps step with developments without becoming rigid or doctrinaire. All constitutional developments in the Commonwealth, the British Commonwealth, or the British Empire, are the subject of consultation between His Majesty's Governments and there has been no agreement to adopt or to exclude the use of any one of these terms nor any decision on the part of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom to do so.

"BRITISH EMPIRE"

Mr. Fletcher, in a supplementary question, asked: Will the Right Hon'ble Gentleman, being aware as he is that the use of the words "British Empire" is held in high respect throughout the British Empire by a great many people, see to it that they are not by daily use pushed out of the picture and other phraseology adopted in their place?

The Prime Minister replied: The Hon'ble Member knows that opinions differ in different parts of the British Empire and Commonwealth on this matter and I think it better to allow people to use the expression they like best.

Colonel A. Comme-Duncan asked: If, as the Right Hon'ble Gentleman has said, His Majesty's Government have taken no decision, why do they take every opportunity to cut out the words "British" and "Empire"?

The Prime Minister replied: They do not.—L.P.S.

HUNT FOR POISON

BREMEN, May 3, (U. P. A.): Railway police are hunting for a missing metal box containing enough poison to kill 14,000 people. They reported that a box containing 24 pounds of deadly potassium cyanide was stolen from a railroad station near Hannover April 11. It was being shipped by rail from a chemical plant in Brunswick.

New Economic Council In Iran

TEHERAN, (PTI-Reuter): An Economic Council has been set up to coordinate all Government activities, according to a decree passed by Iran's Council of Ministers recently.

The Council is to meet every fortnight under the presidency of the Prime Minister. He will be assisted by the Ministers of Finance, National Economy, Labour and Agriculture, the Governors of the National Agricultural and Industrial Banks, the President of the Provisional Seven Year Plan Organisation and two representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Raising People's Standard Of Life Is India's Main Task

SETALVAD APPEALS TO FOREIGN CAPITAL FOR CO-OPERATION

NEW YORK, May 4 (PTI-Reuter).—Mr. M. C. Setalvad, the Indian delegation leader, broadly outlined today India's efforts to solve her internal problems, and said India would welcome technical assistance from the United States and other countries in raising the level of life among her people.

In a Radio broadcast to American listeners Mr. Setalvad said the energeies of the Indian Government were concentrated on the problem of meeting India's annual food deficit which was a great strain on the country's foreign currency reserve.

After dwelling on various multipurpose and other developments plans which India had on hand, Mr. Setalvad said, "Our difficulties in the rapid execution of these industrial schemes consist in lack of foreign exchange for the purchase of machinery abroad and lack of trained personnel. We are greatly in need of financial and technical assistance to promote these schemes and to increase production. In the successful completion of these schemes we rely greatly on the help of the United States."

WIDE VISION

Mr. Setalvad hoped that after the assurance of fair play to foreign capital given by Pandit Nehru, capital equipment and technical assistance would be readily forthcoming from the United States and other countries.

Mr. Setalvad spoke of the spirit of "realism and wide vision" wherein the question of Republican India's status in the Commonwealth had been solved.

Referring to India's initiative in calling the Indonesian Conference in Delhi last February, Mr. Setalvad said it represented a "successful experiment in Asian co-operation. It is expected that the multitude of problems which face Asia will make need for similar gatherings in future."

On the negotiations for lifting the Berlin blockade, Mr. Setalvad said, "Berlin is only one of many points of conflict between the Soviet and western countries but it is hoped a settlement of the most acute of these points of difference may well lead to rapprochement on other questions and to more understanding between the two sets of powers.

Large sections of opinion in the United Nations have a feeling that the ray of hope which has emerged may be forerunner of peace and harmony in the United Nations and in the world."

LONDON SHIPPING CONFERENCE

To Discuss Dutch "Freight War"

LONDON, (By Radio.)

Cut-throat competition by the Dutch shipping lines on the Indian and Pakistan trade routes has at last brought leaders of the other shipping lines to London where the preliminary moves for a conference began at the offices of the P. and O. Company on May 4.

The whole matter is being raised by Mr. M. A. Master, General Manager of the Scindia Steam Navigation Company. There are also present representatives of the P. and O. British-India, Indo-China Steam Navigation Company and Scandinavian companies.—L.P.S.

Mm. Jvan De Werken Dead

AMSTERDAM, May 3 (PTI-Reuter)—Salvation Army Commandant, Mm. Jvan de Werken, who was an "Army" leader in India, Switzerland and the Netherlands East Indies, has died at Mareen, Utrecht Province at the age of 75.

She joined the Salvation Army in 1893 and was well-known for the number of salvation army songs and books she wrote.

Stationing Air Force Squadrons In Dominions

LONDON, May 4 (UPI): Conversations are now taking place between Britain and the Dominions to establish reciprocal arrangements for stationing air force squadrons in one another's territories, the United Press of India learned yesterday from an authoritative source.

"Decisions on such matters must be taken at Governmental level air force experts can only but forward strategic thoughts, doctrines and outlook which are called for by the new world situation", a high officer of the R.A.F. told the U.P.I. correspondent.

He stressed again and again that the R.A.F. plan for exchange of training squadrons was based on absolute equality and reciprocity. Pending decisions at high level, executives of the R.A.F. and operational and training personnel, with the cordial co-operation of dominions air staffs in London, are cultivating personal friendships and mutual exchange of ideas and technique.

The R.A.F., he said, was highly conscious of this atomic era, the next war, from the very beginning, would be a tense world war, calling for bases and effective forces over all allied territories. "The R.A.F. thinks that each Commonwealth country ought to build up an adequate air force required for its own defence and a little to spare for the overall defence of the Commonwealth."

While discussing the hesitations of dominions to agree to the exchange of training squadrons, the officer said that the R.A.F. fully appreciated their political difficulties. It was possible, he conceded, that a dominion would not want one of its squadrons stationed in a colony to be involved in some local trouble, such as flare up in Malaya, as training would necessarily be under one unified command in each place, sharing all facilities.

He hoped, however, that permission would soon be forthcoming as such mixed training was essential for a quick operational co-ordination in the hour of need.

No dominion has as yet agreed to this scheme, he said, but it was under consideration by all.

NEHRU-CHURCHILL MEETING

LONDON, (By Radio.)

The "News-Chronicle" political correspondent referring to the fact that Pandit Nehru dined, on May 2, with Mr. Churchill says that this "is a sign of the degree to which Mr. Churchill is pursuing the policy which he announced in the Commons last week of accepting the new Commonwealth formula and trying to make it work. He has been in the past the most powerful opponent of Indian independence for which Pandit Nehru has fought.

"The two men had never met until last October when Mr. Churchill attended a formal dinner at the time of the autumn Commonwealth talks".—L.P.S.

LIAQUAT ALI'S BUSY PROGRAMME

Churchill To Receive Him At Lunch Party

LONDON, May 3 (PTI-Reuter).—Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, Prime Minister of Pakistan, who is leaving for Karachi by air next Friday, has a busy departure programme here.

He is expected to meet Mr Clement Attlee at 10, Downing Street, tomorrow morning.

Later he will be guest at a luncheon given by British Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, Defence Minister A. V. Alexander and Commonwealth Relations Secretary, Philip Noel-Baker.

Mr Liaquat Ali Khan will also be the guest of honour tomorrow evening at a reception given by Pakistan nationals and students.

During the next two days the Premier is expected to have two important dinner engagements: As host to Field Marshal Sir Claude Auchinleck former Commander in Chief India, and as guest of British Opposition leader Mr. Winston Churchill.

Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan accompanied by Begum Liaquat Ali Khan, arrived here tonight by air from Dublin after a two day visit to Eire at the invitation of Premier John Costello.

On his return journey the Pakistan Prime Minister will stay as the state guest of the Italian, Egyptian, Iraqi and Iran Governments at Rome, Cairo, Baghdad and Teheran respectively. He is expected to reach Karachi on May 16.

COMPLEX BILL ON EIRE'S POLITICAL STATUS

First Reading In British Parliament

LONDON, MAY 3 (PTI-REUTER): PARLIAMENT TODAY GAVE ITS FIRST FORMAL READING TO A WORDY AND COMPLEX BILL EMBODYING THE PARADOX THAT REPUBLICAN EIRE IS NEITHER "PART OF HIS MAJESTY'S DOMINIONS NOR A FOREIGN COUNTRY."

By affirming the "territorial integrity" of Northern Ireland the Bill also sets the seal of British law on Irish partition.

Northern Ireland is declared to be "both part of His Majesty's dominions and of the United Kingdom."

Under the Bill citizens of the new Republic living in Britain, will have all the privileges and most of the duties of British subjects.

But a big question mark was whether these duties included military service in the British forces. The Bill declares that the British Nationality Act of 1948 "is not affected by the fact that the Republic Ireland is not part of His Majesty's dominions."

APPLICATION OF NATIONALITY ACT

Two months ago Viscount Addison, Government Leader in the House of Lords, stated that by virtue of the British Nationality Act the requirements of national service would "apply as hitherto to citizens of Eire of military age ordinarily resident in Britain."

But the British Press Association tonight said that Eire citizens "cannot be called up for military service but must acknowledge the same obligations as British subjects."

Several Whitehall officials were unable to clarify the situation immediately.

During the war, citizens of Eire were liable to national service for Britain after two years residence.

PROVISIONS

The Bill, introduced to meet the situation caused by Eire's resumption of Republican status on April 18, provides that:

(1) Eire citizens will not be treated as aliens by Britain.

(2) Eire ships and planes will not be regarded as foreign.

(3) Neither in the past nor future legislation will contain expressions such as "foreign" or "foreigners" which apply to the Republic or Ireland or its inhabitants.

Any Eire citizen who desires formally to claim United Kingdom citizenship has merely to write to the British home office stating his wish. Those who do not do so will still enjoy the rights of United Kingdom citizenship.

The Billays Down that Northern Ireland would in no event cease to be part of the United Kingdom without the consent of the Northern Ireland Parliament.

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RULE AGAINST DELIBERATE "PADDING" APPLIED

Umpire Sends Batsmen Back And Cancel Runs In New Zealanders' Opening Match

LONDON, May 4 (PTI-Reuter): The first recorded instance of the use of the M.C.C. Amendment on leg-byes dealing with deliberate deflection by the batsman, occurred during yesterday's play in the match between Yorkshire and the New Zealand touring team.

When Wallace, the tourist's Vice-Captain, padded off a ball from Aspinall, which went to the boundary, the scorers assumed the ball had been hit and four runs were added to the batsman's score and the total.

Immediately the ball became "dead", however, Umpire W. H. Ashdown instructed the scorers to delete the runs recorded.

Last year it was pointed out that it was for the umpires to decide if a batsman deliberately deflects a ball other than with his bat and to call "dead" 'ball' if necessary.

The amendment states that, in the event of the batsmen running the umpire will not call "dead ball" but when the ball has ceased to be play will disallow any runs made, and order the batsmen back to their original wickets.

The reason for this ruling is that, by calling "dead ball" or any other form of intervention, the umpires may prevent the fielding side from obtaining a "run out".

THIS IS WHAT GOVER WILL DO FOR PHADKAR

BOMBAY, May 4 (API): Alf Gover, England's expert cricket coach, who is to give coaching to D. G. Phadkar, Indian Test all rounder, in a letter to Mr. A. S. De Mello, President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, has outlined the manner in which instructions will be given.

These include, instructions at the nets in his covered school at Surrey as at one of the cricket clubs with a grass wicket and play him in Surrey Country XI in Sunday games when benifit matches are played against good club sides. This would enable Phadkar to receive coaching in the "middle", and he will also receive instruction on the use of rollers etc.

Phadkar is due to leave India on May 30.

FUND TO BE RAISED FOR HINDLEKAR'S FAMILY

De Mello And Others Appeal For Generous Contribution

BOMBAY, May 4 (AIP): Mr. A. S. De Mello, President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, has issued an appeal to public, especially lovers of cricket, to contribute to the fund to be raised in memory of the late Mr. D. D. Hindlekar, India's test wicket-keeper.

The other signatories to the appeal are Maharajkumar of Vizianagaram, the Nawab of Pataudi, Lt. Col. C. K. Nayudu, H. N. Contractor, Vijay Merchant and A. A. Jasdanwalla.

D. D. Hindlekar died suddenly on March 30 last at the age of 40. He is survived by his wife and seven children—five daughters and two sons. The fund collected will be utilised for the maintenance and education of the widow and the children.

FOOTBALL AT PAREL

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

The following are the results of the matches played in the Junior Division of the Harwood Football League this evening at Parel:—

THIRD DIVISION

Khatau Sports 7, (Govindraj 4, Babu 2, Shinde). Bombay Steam Navigation 0.

G.I.P. Railway "B" 6. (M. D'Souza 2, Bhagwan, James, Nakwa) B.P.T. 1. (O. Vaz).

SECOND DIVISION

Little Pioneers 1. (Sen) Wimco 0.

FOURTH DIVISION

Bombay Telephone 3. (Solomon 1, D'Souza 2). Bombay Metals and Alloys 1. (Raccine).

Indian Football Tourists Win Exhibition Match In Madras

MADRAS, May 4. (API)—The Indian Football team who returned to Madras this morning after a triumphant tour of Ceylon, registered a 3-2 victory over a Madras Eleven in an exhibition game played here today. The tourists led by 2-1 at half time.

Ahmed Khan opened India's account in the eight minute when he beat the goalie with a ground shot from close range. Madras equalised two minutes before the breather when full back Thangaswami converted a penalty kick, but Vajravelu again put the visitors ahead immediately with a long-range shot.

Mid-way through the second half Madras managed to level the score through Padmanabhan but the visitors forged ahead once more ten minutes before time, when Ahmed Khan dribbled past a host of defenders to put the ball into the net.

The Indian Football Team is leaving for Bangalore tonight to play an exhibition match there.

In the Day's Sport

HOCKEY

Association Ground

5-45 p.m. Bombay Grey's "A" vs. Panchgani Pansies, (semi-finals Killedar Cup).

Cooperage

4-15 p.m. Kohinoor Mills vs. St. Francis Goans "B" (Summersgill Cup).

5-30 p.m. S. R. Mills vs. Burmah-Shell (Nadkarni Cup semi-final).

FOOTBALL

St. Xavier's College Ground, Parel.

4-40 p.m. Globe S. C. "A" vs. A. S. I. XI.

5-45 p.m. G. B. Police vs. Riders. S. C. (Indian League).

G. I. P. Rly. Ground.

4-30 p.m. Cosmopolitan S. C. vs. Tata Oil Mills.

BILLIARDS

Islam Gymkhana

6 to 8 p.m. A. J. Francis vs. A. M. Brewer (Western India Billiards).

9 p.m. Govind Prasad Mansingh vs. G. D. Bhagwat (Western India Snooker).

WESTERN INDIA BILLIARDS

Rafeek Dina Wins His Snooker Round

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Leading all along by a fairly comfortable margin in his match against Khambatta in the Western India Billiards Championship, B. Shirgaonkar ran out an easy winner ultimately by 461 points to his opponent's 408 scored in the two hours of play this evening.

Rafeek Dina won his match in the Western India Snooker Tournament against Commisarait in two straight frames, the scores being 57-49, and 57-37 in Rafeek's favour.

"VIZZY" STRESSES FOR EAST ZONE MATCH IN U. P.

Deplores Board's Policy Of "Feeding Ceylon"

ALLAHABAD, May 3, (A.P.I.): The Maharajkumar of Vizianagram, President of the United Provinces Cricket Association demanded that the East Zone match against the Commonwealth Cricket Team which is to Tour India in winter, should be staged in U. P.

He added "two international sides, England led by Douglas Jardine and West Indies led by John Goddard, met their Waterloo in the U. P.

The Maharajkumar said that there was no reason why the Board of Control for Cricket in India should be a "feeder to Ceylon" and give them three or four valuable matches that could be utilised for India.

It is upto Ceylon to arrange for such tours on their own and not depend on India's generosity", he added.

Resumption Of South American Football

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 3. (UPA)—The South American footfall tournament resumes this evening when Colombia meets Ecuador. Colombia has two points obtained in ties against Chile and Uruguay, both of which were 1-1 matches.

Ecuador is pointless thus far in the standings. On May 4, Peru meets Ecuador and on May 5, Colombia plays Bolivia.

Brazil leads in the standings with 12 wins and no losses. Paraguay has ten wins and two losses. Peru has eight and four, Uruguay five and five, Bolivia six and six, Chile three and nine, Colombia two and eight and Ecuador zro and twelve.

Belfast Soccer Team Tours U.S.A. And Canada

NEW YORK, May 3. (UPA)—The Belfast Athletic Soccer team arrived in New York today aboard the Mauretania for a ten-game tour of the United States and Canada.

Fifteen players and five officials are in the party and all except Goalie Kevan McAlinden and Captain Harry Walker were violently sea sick during most of the trip. They will be received by New York Mayor William O'Dwyer Wednesday and then will be the honored guests at a luncheon and press reception. Their first game will be Sunday at New York's Randall's Island against a New York all-star combine.

12 Accept For Great Jubilee Handicap Race

LONDON, May 4. (PTI-Reuter)—Acceptances with weights for the Great Jubilee Handicap to be run over one and quarter miles at Kempton Park on Saturday, May 14 were announced as follows: Royal Tara 9-6 Ottomen 8-13, Signalman 8-8, Julian 8-7 Hyperbole 8-6, Heath 8-5 Desi Fil Dor the Second 8-3 Jacobite 8-2 Persian Book 7-13 Bellmick 6-13 and Bold Street 6-7. —(Twelve Acceptors).

CITY "A" HELD BY GREY'S "B"

Killedar Cup Women's Hockey

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Bombay Greys "B" held Bombay City "A" to a goalless draw in the Killedar Cup Hockey Tournament for women this evening played on the Association ground.

City "A" and Grey's "B" possessed defences that allowed play to be up in the twenty five area only. The rival defences seldom failed and the goalies had no work to do at all. The Grey's defence had a mountain of strength in Mrs. Lorna Reed and Mrs. Butterfield. The half line also put in an improved display conspicuous being Marjorie Wade. For the City Freda Freeman and Eve Edwards were quite their old selves, and with that veteran Mrs. Louise Lynn inspired confidence in her defence. She was ably supported by Miss Thornber and Kathleen Gaitley.

Both sides had a fair amount of the exchanges and hardly any scoring chances and a draw correctly indicated the result of the match.

The teams:—

Bombay City "A":—Eileen Bamber; Freda Freeman, Eve Edwards; Kathleen Gaitley, Louise Lynn, Joy Thornber; Myra Elliot, Margaret Chesholm, Sheila Rodrigues, Lilian Black, Corrine Jackson.

Grey's "B":—Mrs. Verdes; Mrs. Butterfield, Mrs. Lorna Reid; Miss Misquitta, Marjorie Wade, Miss Dow; Miss Reader, Miss Leatt Haythier, Mrs. Adams, Myra Fareira.

P. S. SESHADRI WINS TWO TITLES

Mysore State Lawn Tennis

BANGALORE, May 3 (API): P S. Seshadri of Madras, who won the singles title in the Mysore State Lawn Tennis Championship last Sunday, claimed the doubles title also beating Kapinapathy and Owen, in partnership with C. G. Paul.

The scores were 8-6, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2, in favour of the winners.

In the Women's Singles final Mrs. Appachoo beat Mrs. B. V. K. Iyengar in two straight, conceding only one game to her opponent.

The men's doubles was well contested throughout and the game was exciting. The winners were aggressive. Paul, who played an excellent game particularly at the net, punished every loose ball and Seshadri's services were superb. Kapinapathy broke his spestacles in the middle of the play and it was some time before a spare pair could be brought. This added to his difficulties.

The winners took the first game in two minutes, thanks to the powerful services of Seshadri. Kapinapathy and partner equalised. The winners who led all through took the last two games to annex the first set.

Kapinapathy and partner rallied and took the first two games in the next set but the winners, playing excellent tennis took the six games in a row to win the second set. Kapinapathy broke his glasses when the score was 3-2 in this set and he had to finish the set without spectacles.

The third set was closely fought out. Seshadri and partner played carefully in the final set and conceded their opponents only two games.

Sir A. Ramaswami Mudaliar, Dewan of Mysore distributed the prizes to the winners. Speaking on the occasion, he expressed the hope that the world olympics might one day be held in Bangalore which, he said, was every day becomeing more and more important as the home of good sports.

DERBY FAVOURIOE CANTERS TRIAL STAKES

Royal Forest Provides Gordon Richards Armchair Ride

SANDOWN, May 4 (P.T.I.-Reuter): The Derby favourite Royal Forest ridden by the champion jockey Gordon Richards, who will probably ride him in the forthcoming classic, made an auspicious debut this season here this afternoon, when he easily won the Sandown Park Trial Stakes over one mile and quarter. Second four lengths behind was the useful three-year old Bobo, with Transatlantic a further half a length away third, there were six runners. Backers had only to lay fifteen to eight on Royal Forest due to the Support for Bobo which started at seven to two.

Transatlantic started at onehundred to eight. Royal Forest gave a scintillating performance. On entering the straight he had eight lengths to make up but with Gordon Richards sitting perfectly still, Royal Forest moved up so effortlessly and with such speed that his victory surprised the crowd.

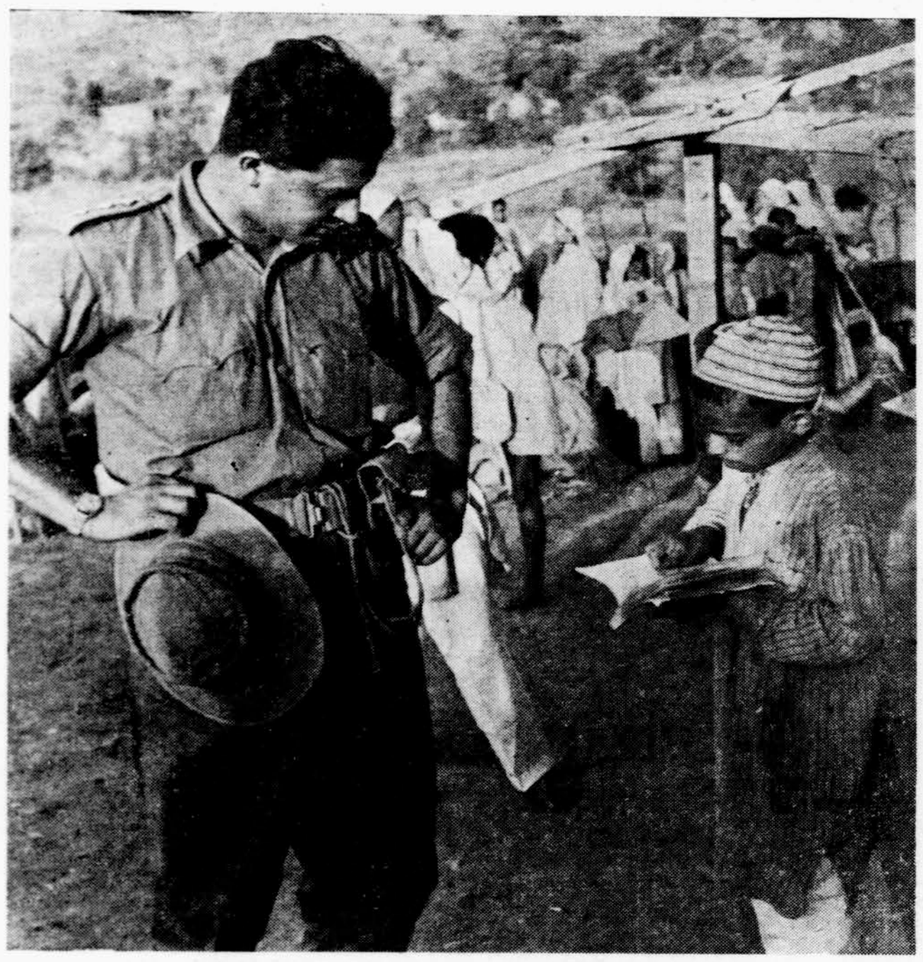
Fred "Fanny" Walden Dead

NORTHAMPTON, May 3 (PTI-Reuter).—Fred "Fanny" Walden, former England, Tottentham, and Northampton footballer, Northamptonshire cricketer and Test Umpire died here today. He was 61.

Walden was one of the smallest men to play professional soccer. It was said that when he first reported at the Northampton ground to play for the club, an unbelieving gateman directed him to the boys entrance.

He gained international caps against Scotland in 1914 and Wales in 1922. As a cricketer he scored a number of centuries for Northamptonshire. He was one of the Umpires in the fifth Test in 1938 when Len Hutton made the world record Test score of 364 against the Australians.

INDIAN ARMY OFFICER TO THE RESCUE OF YOUNG KASHMIRI



After having helped in removing the menace to Kashmir represented by raiders, an Indian Army Officer finds himself requisitioned by a young citizen for solving a problem of a different kind.—P.I.B.

AFTER EIGHT YEARS

Vithalbhai's Statue Still Awaits Installation

"FED UP" SCULPTOR LEAVES FOR U.S.

(By Our Staff Reporter)

STANDING UNDER THE SHADE OF A TREE IN THE NEAT LITTLE COMPOUND OF A SCULPTOR'S STUDIO AT MAHALAKSHMI ARE TWO STATUES OF THE LATE MR. VITHALDAS PATEL. THEY ARE ELEVEN FEET AND A HALF IN HEIGHT.

One of them is a cement model, which had been originally erected at the Haripura session of the Congress in 1938. The other is a three ton bronze which was made at the order of the Vithalbhai Patel Memorial Committee. It has lain heavy on the hands of the artist for the last eight years; and even today he does not know what is to happen to it.

Mr. V. P. Karmarkar, one of the best known sculptors of Western India spent two years to cast and finish the bronze. He was commissioned to the job in 1939 by Mr. Mathurdas Tricumjee, then Mayor of Bombay and Chairman of the Memorial Committee. At that time it was understood that the it was to be erected on a pedestal just as high as the statue with a flight of three stone steps running up to it. It was to be near the statue of the late Lokamanya Tilak at Chowpatty. Permission was, however, refused by the then Government in 1941. Since then things have changed and the Municipality has planned to erect the statue off Chowpatty road. This is part of the programme of giving a new look to that part of the road and sea line.

HE KNOWS NOTHING

But as far as V. P. Karmarkar is concerned, he knows nothing about the project. He revealed to a reporter of this paper that after he completed his job he wrote several times to the Committee He received no satisfactory reply and is fed up with it.

He is now leaving for America on May 25. He is entrusting the statue to one of his students, P. M. Patel to await word from whosoever is responsible at the moment for shifting the statue from its temporary resting place in his tiny compound to the place where it is to be publicly erected.

Karmarkar, who is 58 years of age is one of the more outstanding of our sculptors. He has risen to that position from humble beginnings. Born in the village of Sasvane in Kolaba District, his gifts were noted by an I.C.S. officer, Otto Rothfield, who sponsored his art education. Graduating from the J. J. School of Arts, in 1913, Karmarkar completed his training at the Royal Academy of Arts in London, being the first Indian to take a course in sculpture there.

He has many pieces of statuary to his credit, his most famous work being the 14-feet equestrian statue of Shivaji at the Bhonsle Military School at Poona. This job which he completed in 1925, is a single piece casting and the biggest job of its kind done in India.

GOING ABROAD

He is going to America at the invitation of the Mitan College, Wisconsin University, to demonstrate model making, to students of sculpture in the University. Mr. J. J. Singh, President of the India League of America has called in Mr. Karmarkar for consultations on the proposal for the erection of a Gandhi hall and statue at New York.

Incidentally, Karmarkar has been paid only, Rs. 11,000 out of the Rs. 20,000 promised to him by the committee at the time he was commissioned to do the statue, pictured alongside. The contract covered the erection of the pedestal.

PAN AMERICAN SERVICE TO MARSEILLES

Pan American Airways will inaugurate a Clipper service between New York and Marseilles, France from Wednesday, June 1.

Clippers are scheduled to leave New York for the French metropolis three times weekly, stopping en route at Boston (U.S.A.) Santa Maria (the Azroes); Lisbon (Portugal) and Barcelona (Spain).

Pan American World Airways have been certificated by the Civil Aeronautics Board to include Marseilles in its schedule routes The New York-Marseilles service, inaugurated by Pan American with flying boats in 1939, was curtailed by the outbreak of World War II.

JOBS FOUND FOR 600,000

Growing Popularity Of Employment Exchanges

BOMBAY, May 4 (API): With "Right Man for the Right Job" as their slogan, India's 54 employment exchanges—"the man power banks"—found jobs for over 600,000 people during the last four years, it is gathered here.

Established in July, 1945, with the main purpose of resettling ex-servicemen and discharged war-workers, the employment exchanges are now gradually assuming the role of what is described a "super-traffic-sergeant, planning, controlling and directing employment traffic"?

A study of the working of the various exchanges in the country reveals the growing popularity of the organisation both among the employers and the employment-seekers.

In June 1946, for example, the number of persons who registered their names with the exchanges for jobs was 115,000. In less than three years' time, that is on April 1, 1949, the figure rose to nearly 2,400,000.

Three years ago over 2,000 employers in India made use of the exchanges for employing men, but today the exchanges serve nearly 35,000 employers meeting their personnel requirements out of the vast manpower material at their disposal.

Again in the first two years of their life, the exchanges were able to find jobs for nearly 6,000 people but the figure touched the peak mark of 600,000 in the following two years.

SMALL-POX CASES DECLINE

The Government of Bombay has intensified measures to check the spread of small-pox, which is already showing signs of abatement. Extra vaccinators have been appointed in highly affected districts to assist the permanent staff in carrying out mass vaccination. This disease took a toll of 106 lives in the Province during the week ended April 28, while cholera was responsible for two deaths and plague two.

The following is the health condition report of the Province for the week:

CHOLERA: Cholera figures were five cases and two deaths as against 8-5 reported in the previous week. Figures by districts were Belgaum 4-1 and Kanara 1-1 as against nil.

Anti-cholera measures such as inoculations against cholera and disinfection of water supplies, are being carried out in all the affected areas. The total number of anti-cholera inoculations performed in the Province was 1,928, which brings the progressive total, from January 1, to 80,983.

SALEM, May 2 (API): The Salem District Educational officer declared open a summer course in hand spinning for elementary school teachers today. Fortyfive teachers, including 34 women, from sixteen aided schools have been admitted to the course which will last one month.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST MINISTERS

Demand For Enquiry

PATIALA, May 3, (A.P.I.): The disciplinary action taken by the Patiala and East Punjab States Union Congress Executive against the four Congress Ministers of the Union was "unwarranted" stated a resolution adopted by a conference of Congress workers here yesterday.

Over five hundred Congressmen, including presidents and secretaries of Congress Committees in the province, were present.

The conference suggested that there should be an immediate enquiry into the working of the P.E.P S.U. Congress Executive and its replacement by an |Ad Hoc' Committee.

Earlier this month, the provincial Congress executive decided to remove from the primary membership of the Congress for two years of all the four Congress members in the Union Cabinet who "accepted ministership despite directive of the Provincial Congress Committee not to accept office."

The Ministers concerned—Giani Zail Singh, Mr. Nihal Singh Takshak, Sardar Harcharan Singh and Seth Ramnath—were included in the present Ministry when it was announced on January 13 this year.

VEXED QUESTION OF SALES TAX

C. P. Merchant's Memo To Government

NAGPUR, May 4 (UPI): A request to the Government of India to take immediate steps to solve the vexed question of sales tax by taking it over from the provinces is contained in a memorandum submitted by the C. P. and Berar Chamber of Commerce to the Government of India.

The Memorandum points out that (A) the tax on export adversely affects the economic well-being of the province; (B) the varying rates of sales tax in different provinces have introduced an unfair competition in trade between them; and (C) the tax is charged twice and even thrice on some of the articles exported.

The consensus of opinion at a joint meeting of representatives of various trade organisations and chambers of commerce held recently it is pointed out, was that there should be a uniform tax structure in all provinces and that the best way to achieve this was to make sales tax a central subject.

Another point on which emphasis has been laid relates to the non-publication in Government Gazette of the list of registered dealers. Under section 9 of the Sales Tax Act, it is obligatory on the Provincial Government to publish in Government Gazette a list of names and addresses of registered dealers. No such list, however, has been published up till now, although the Act came into force from June 1, 1947.

CONVENTION ON PLANT PEST CONTROL

NEW DELHI, May 3.

Convention detailing the measures to be adopted wit ha view to prevent the introduction of foreign plant pests and diseases in South East Asian countries was adopted at the Phyto-Sanitary Conference, which recently met at Singapore and was attended by representatives of 16 countries including India.

The Conference was convened by the Commissioner-General for South East Asia of the Government of U.K. with the co-operation of the F.A.O of the United Nations Dr. S. S. Pruthi Plant Protection Adviser of the Central Ministry of Agriculture represented India at the Conference.

The main terms of the Convention which has been circulated to participating Governments include (a) legislation on plant protection in member countries; (b) measures for preventing the introduction of foreign pests and (c) to exercise such minimum control on specified plant imports as may be deemed necessary by the majority of the signatories. It was recommended that the area covered by the Convention should be:—Brune, Burma, Ceylon, China, Fiji, Hong Kong, India, Indo-China, Indonesia, Federation of Malaya, New Caladonia New Guinea, North Borneo, Pakistan, Palus, Philippines, Portuguese Timor, Sarawak, Siam, Singapore and those islands in the Pacific Ocean bounded by lat. 30 degree N and 30 degree S and longt. 140 degree E to 150 degree W.

INDIA'S CONTRIBUTION

Although organised plant protection work was started in India only three years back legislation on plant protection and quarantine measures was passed as early as 1914. The Conference was greatly impressed by the Indian legislation and recommended it to member countries for consideration while adopting similar measures in their areas. India's plant protection work was considered to be run on sound lines and the Conference recommended many of the measures already existing in India for adoption by other countries in this respect.

NAGPUR, May 4 (UPI): Although the petrol position is said to have improved throughout India and full normal quota has been restored in almost every province, the petrol position in the Central Provinces remains just the same as before. The 50 per cent cut, which was reimposed two months ago, has not been revised in the April-May-June quarter.

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There is no greater condemnation of our civilisation than the fact that it results in means becoming ends whilst the true end—that is, man himself—becomes a means.

—IGNAZIO SILONE.

THE PRESS AND THE PEOPLE

The condition of the Press in India deserves serious consideration at the hands of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference. It is customary for journalists who have arrived, to speak of journalism as a mission. Unfortunately, used with the best of intentions, the word has served to throw a mystic shadow over the entire Press and almost to justify, anything in print. The contribution made by Indian journalism to the cause of Independence is one of the most remarkable chapters of the freedom movement and a good deal of it was rendered at great sacrifice. With the attainment of freedom, however, that chapter ends and new problems call for urgent attention. The Press has an important part to play in solving these problems but it has to equip itself for the tasks that await performance. As a rule, the Press in India has been mindful of the difficulties of administration and it has thrown its weight on the side of those in authority, not because it is pro-Government but because it realises the difficulties that confront the administration as well as the inexperience of the leaders who had undertaken the responsibility of running the country. It is as well to remember that in many respects the country was not taken over as a going concern. In the stress of personal inconveniences and individual grievances, it is apt to be forgotten that the conditions facing the National Government were nearly overwhelming—the exchange of populations, the communal passions, the food shortage, the anomalous position of the States and the Labour position, each one of these was complex enough to try veteran administrators. No one claims that all of the problems have been solved but it cannot be denied that the Government have settled down to the basic question of creating stable and settled conditions and have largely succeeded. Against this background, the Press naturally sees individual complaints in a diminished perspective and is inclined to ignore them. Another point that has to be taken into consideration, is the nature of the complaints that are generally made against individual Ministers rather than the Government. As one Minister observed, they are complaints which do not lend themselves to any serious explanation, being generally interpretative distortions of a few facts. A city set upon a hill cannot be hid, and what would be dismissed as mere trifles in the ordinary individual become magnified in men of Ministerial rank. It is here that the sensational Press builds itself in, presenting in time a challege to the "responsible" press, in the first instance, and to newspaper organisations as a whole. The "responsible" press has not even faced the situation as yet, preferring to be misrepresented rather than drawn into undignified controversy. As for the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference, it has hitherto measured its words carefully, hoped that greater responsibility would be shown by Editors generally, and in the last resort addressed appeals to the public to demonstrate their good taste by not encouraging irresponsible writers who, it may be said, need little or no encouragement. Recently Mr. Devadas Gandhi struck out in favour of excluding the sensational press from A.I.N.E.C. membership. But the question is, is the A.I.N.E.C. strong enough to assert itself in this manner and will refusal of membership to some newspapers be a grave enough handicap to practising the profession? As is natural in a young organisation, the A.I.N.E.C. so far has been organisationally weak, reduced to accommodation on various points to build itself up. How much has it grown now? In the past ten years, the A.I.N.E.C. has been concerned with the press in relation to the Government; even after independence, this has absorbed its larger attention. However necessary this was, it is hardly sufficient for building up standards for journalism. The Press has not only to think of the Government it has its responsibilities to the people and it has also other than Government pressure to contend against. It is to these other matters that the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference must now turn its attention, if the foundations of a powerful press are to be laid. In the existing scheme of things Indian, it should be a fair inference that what is in the interests of the general public cannot be against the interests of the Government. With more experience, on the part of Ministers, and with the wearing off of the novelty of the situation, for the public, more normal conditions may be expected.

The emphasis hitherto has been, unfortunately, more on what not to print than on what should be given space in a newspaper. This negative attitude was due to the disturbed conditions which prevailed for over a decade. It is difficult to insist on the sanctity of facts when everyday one is acutely conscious of the need for wary watching of public sensibilities and official pleasures. The Indian Press has done some tight-rope walking in its time, much of it in the days of communal trouble and during the war years when there was an inner conflict in the country. But to the credit of the leaders of the profession be it said, the rights of property inherent in a business of the size of the modern press were never allowed to dominate and overshadow the rights of the people. Happily that phase is behind us. But national freedom has brought on new responsibilities which need appreciation. There is no need for the Press in general to be inhibited any longer. But there is need for restraint and tolerance of other points of view. It is for the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference to give the lead at the coming Bangalore session and to infuse in the newspaper world a consciousness of its obligations. It is necessary to insist that a journalist—be he editor or any other cog in the newspaper wheel—who publishes news with reasonable regard for verifying its accuracy, shall be protected in the discharge of his duty, just as the one who is careless, will not be screened by his colleagues. It is much more important to educate the press—and the Governments—in this than to perfect advisory machinery and devise codes and conventions. For it is only by this means that the Press will be restored to its full freedom. Experience has shown that all the conventions and the agreements, devised in consultation with the Government, have brought about a lethargy in the newspapers. The urge to defend either the administration or the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference against traducers is entirely lacking and the traducers have increased in their audacity. The reaction of Governments is natural and it is no unexpected result that the restrained press is harassed by consultative restrictions which fail to check journalistic excess. The first concern of the Editors' Conference now must be to guard against the offences of the few being the cause of restrictions on the freedom of the many, and to save the profession from the dangers of the present situation. Denunciations of the "yellow press" are of little use in the circumstances. It merely arouses suspicion that the Conference is following the line of least resistance. What is called for is a bold and imaginative lead which will break down in the newspaper world the mirky atmosphere of crisis and restore the clear air of freedom. The rest will follow as the night the day.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT.

The old Writer's Society of Romaina has been disbanded, and a new organisation, the Romanian Writers' Union, has been created in its place. The new movement will translate Russian works and will 'reconsider the classics from the point of view of their political value."

—Worldover Press.

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The U.P.A. in London has made the remarkable discovery that Pandit "Nehru's final engagement yesterday (Monday)—dinner with Winston Churchill—was a well kept secret until disclosed early today (Tuesday)."

So well kept, in fact, that we knew all about it a couple of days in advance.

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India House officials, explains the U.P.A. correspondent further, said Nehru had requested that his appointment with Churchill should not be made public.

How like Nehru, isn't it?

By the way, which of Nehru's particular confidents are we to identify these "India House Officials" with, the Hall Porter or the Office Peon?

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The next meeting of the Hindu Mahasabha Working Committee is due with the assistance of thirty other Mahasabha leaders, to discuss a new political programme to "vitalise" the Mahasabha, says a New Delhi report.

We shall be most interested and delighted to inspect the new window-dressing.

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According to Miss Fatima Jinnah, the agitation in the mind of Pakistan Muslims would not be set at rest unless and until the Kashmir issue was settled in consonance with their sense of dignity and heart-felt desire.

Clearly there is no point in holding any plebiscite etc., etc. The compliant U. N. Commission should carry out orders and present to Pakistan Muslims their hearts' desire.

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A conservative M. P. Mr. Walter Fletcher, asked in the British Parliament if it was appreciated that the words "British Empire" were held in high respect by many throughout the Empire.

Not high but very high, indeed, by those, who stood on their heads and looked.

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In a statement to the press, Mr. Asoka Mehta, General Secretary of the Hind Mazdoor Sabha, deplores the formation of the United (Shah, Bose and Bose) Trades Union Congress.

So do we.

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May Day report from Moscow: The great crowd applauded as Stalin, looking most fit in his Marshal's uniform, smartly mounted the steps of the tomb leading up the reviewing stand.

Which means that Stalin is neither dead nor even ill. What a nuisance!

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Opposing—of course unsuccessfully—the move to bring Israel's application before the U.N. General Assembly, the Iraqian delegate accused the Steering Committee of manoeuvring in an effort to give priority to Israel. He said, "We wonder what the significance is."

In his place we would have been less over polite and said: "We don't wonder" etc. etc.

CLOSELY KNIT CORE OF EMPIRE CHANGES

Meaning Of India's Decision To Remain In Commonwealth

BY FENNER BROCKWAY

India remains in the Commonwealth, but at the cost of the disappearance of the Commonwealth as we have known it. Instead of the closely knit core of an Empire, we now have a loose grouping of nations—and it would be difficult to find any principle on which they are grouped.

The Commonwealth began as an intimate association of Anglo-Saxon communities in three Continents. They felt the warmth of a common kinship, and, for nostalgic reasons, the peoples of Canada and Australia probably had a greater sense of loyalty to the British monarchy than had British people themselves. In those days the Dominions were still very much the junior members of the family, subservient to Britain in all things, and particularly on questions of foreign policy.

Growth And Expansion

We did not appreciate it at the time, but the inclusion of South Africa as a Dominion shortly after the Boer War was probably the first step towards the disintegration of the close corporation which the Commonwealth used to be. The South African Union introduced two new factors. First, the majority of Europeans in the Union were not Anglo-Saxons and had no strong bond of loyalty to Britain or its monarchy. Second, the Union was not a democracy: its mass African population had no political rights (and few other rights).

Meanwhie, a sense of independence was growing in the Dominions. The Statute of Westminster adopted in 1926 finally recognised that the Commonwealth was not an association of nations dependent upon Britain, but a fellowship of equals. The right was recognised of the Dominions to withdraw from the Commonwealth at any time should they so desire. Britain gave up the idea that force should be utilised to maintain any unwilling Dominion within the Empire.

The new declaration of April, 1949 takes this process to a much further stage. India is to be independent Republic—yet room has been found for her within the Commonwealth! The British King is accepted as the "head" of the new grouping, but only as a symbol. India itself will be a Republic. It will regard the King simply as the personal embodiment of its external association with certain other nations.

What is the significance of this extraordinary political device? It is difficult to define its basis.

What It Is Not

The Commonwealth is no longer a grouping of Anglo-Saxon nations: India, Pakistan, Ceylon are within it.

The Commonwealth is not a grouping of democratic nations: South Africa is within it.

The Commonwealth is not a grouping of nations sharing the same social philosophy: Britain, Australia and New Zealand have Labour Governments; Canada has a Capitalist Government: South Africa has a near-Fascist Government; India, Pakistan and Ceylon have Governments which cannot yet be placed in definite categories.

The Commonwealth is not a grouping of nations linked by allegiance to a common policy in international affairs; Britain and Canada belong to the Western 'bloc' India has declared her independence of the two 'blocs'; South Africa has defied the United Nations; Australia has led the smaller neutral nations in the United Nations.

Neither blood nor politics unite the Commonwealth. How then has it survived and grown?

Sentimental Bond

Frankly, a strong force in the association is sentimental. This is natural in the relationship of the Dominions and Britain: it is also strong in the relationship between India and Britain, thanks to the goodwill in which India gained her political freedom. The same is true of Pakistan and Ceylon.

It is also true of a large section of the white populaton in South Africa: those, for the most part, who have migrated from Britain. But, so far as the majority of Europeans in that Dominion are concerned, sentimental attachment plays a smaller part. It is quite probable that South Africa, like India, will become an independent Republic. In her case, however, unlike India, it would be a move "away" from Britain.

The sentimental bond of the Commonwealth is accompanied, except in the case of South Africa, by a common belief in certain ways of life, in human equalities and liberties. This is at present an inspiration rather than an achievement. None of our nations has attained it and some of us cling to prejudices—the policy of "White Australia", for instance—which repudiate it. But, though vague and unrealised, this approximate acceptance of a common standard of human values is a real link.

Common Interests

Then there are common material interests. The British Empire began with trade, and its mutual practice remains powerful in the Commonwealth. This has udoubtedly been a considerable factor in the decision of India, which in its tremendous task of construction, will require capital and technical aid. There is a danger here as well as an advantage. Certain British Capitalist interests may unite with certain Indian Capitalist interests to delay the advance of economic freedom for the Indian masses.

Finally, we must face the fact that military considerations have played a large part in the London decision. Even though India has disassociated itself from the Western 'bloc', it fears an invasion from the north if war comes. The frontiers of Russia approach those of Pakistan, and territorially Pakistan is inadequate for defence. On the British side, there is awareness of the danger that not only China but a great part of Asia may be swept up by a Communist drive and come within the Russian sphere.

Military considerations have undoubtedly been prominent in South Africa's decision. Dr. Malan has been advocating an African Pact as a partner to the Atlantic Pact.

What The Future Holds

I think this is an objective analysis of the reasons for the new Commonwealth. What are its prospects? And how far is it progressive?

In my view, it will be enduring only if the nations within it develop a common political and social philosophy and practice.

The Commonwealth has lost its racial basis. Its economic basis is limited. Its common military interests would disappear if the conflict between the two Power 'blocs' were resolved. It has no permanent place in the world unless it becomes a natural alliance of similar political and social communities.

The British Ideology

There is a place for such an alliance. The peoples of the earth have to choose between three idealogies: (1) The American ideology—an economic basis of "free enterprise" with a super-structure of political democracy; (2) the Russian ideology—a planned economic basis with a super-structure of political dictatorship; and (3) the British ideology—a planned economic basis with a super-structure of political democracy.

At present, this third ideology is in the background, but, as Birtain and Western Europe emerge from their economic dependence upon America, it can become a force in the world as powerful as the ideologies of America and Russia.

Can this third ideology become the political and social philosophy of the Commonwealth? India is moving towards it. Australia (except for its "white" policy) holds it. New Zealand holds it. Canada has strong favourable elements. It is possible that such an alliance based on enduring principles may develop.

But, if this is to become the basis of the Commonwealth, it will extend to other nations and races. Western Europe may accept the same political philosophy before many years have passed. As the nations of Africa achieve their freedom from colonial subjection as India has done, they may advance towards it.

Barrier To War

We can begin to see the Nations of the Third Ideology becoming a force in the world which will serve as a barrier to war between the nations of the American and Russian ideologies. We can even look forward to the day when they will penetrate America and Russia with the Third Ideology — accepting the political democracy which America acclaims but influencing her towards a planned economy, accepting the planned economy which Russia has adopted but influencing her towards political democracy.

When that day comes, there is nope of world unity, the beginning of world government and peace.

If the Commonwealth rises to this role in the world, it can make a great contribution to the progress of mankind. If it remains an illogical conglomeration of different races and political philosophies, it has no progressive place in the community of nations.

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

U. S. And S. E. Asia

A U.S. State Department "spokesman", has, in answer to press questions, said how much his Government is interested in seeing the Dutch and the French settle their differences with the Indonesians and the Indo-Chinese by peaceful means. And he went on to add: "Nor do I need to repeat what has already been said concerning our feeling that the sooner the legitimate interests of nationalist elements in these areas are realised the less likelihood there is of the spread of Communism in South East Asia". This apart from being democratically and internationally just, is also sober commonsense. But then every body, including Dutch and French imperialists, vociferously subscribe to this dictum—without meaning to honour it. The trouble arises on the interpretation of what is "legitimate". The imperialist uses the expression to justify a great amount of imperialistic reservations which in effect, almost completely nullify the "interests of nationalist elements".

The Practical Need

The United States statesman know only too well how the Dutch and French are behaving towards those interests. These statesmen also ought to know that according to democratic principles, what is legitimate" must be determined by what a people wants for itself and not by what the imperialist power decided it wants. Clearly the Dutch and the French have both failed to respect United States "feeling". In the circumstances, it will not do merely to repeat that feeling. The United States is par excellence in a position to enforce implementation of democracy. That position of the patron and protector, gives it a special right and. even more, imposes a special duty. It can withhold its aid until its "feeling" is realised. Instead, there are reports that the U. S. is prepared to supply arms to the French in Indo-China. And the State Department "would not comment on the question of arms"! Is the U.S. also like its proteges, a democracy that mouths fine principles but would not see that they are honoured? Yet nothing could be more true than the spokesman's statement that the satisfaction of nationalist aspirations alone could stop the spread of communism in South East Asia.

No Further Delay

Pandit Bhargava's Bill raising the minimum marriageable age of girls from 14 to 15 years was passed by the last session of the Central Assembly but has not yet been submitted to the Governor-General for his assent. This is also the case with the twin Bill amending the criminal law relating to kidnapping, rape and matrimonial misbehaviour. We are now told that a representation has been made to Government that the public should be given at least a few month's warning before the changes made in the law by the two Bills are brought into force. As the changes have been sanctioned by the Assembly, they must be presumed to be beneficial and, therefore, fit to be expedited. But Government has decided to submit the Bills for the Governor-General's assent in July next with a view to their coming into force on July 15. The delay is not long but we trust it will not be made longer in response to fresh representation that the notice given is not long enough. When a man like Dr. Rajendra Prasad is capable of questioning the competence of the present Assembly to consider the Hindu Code Bill, we should not be surprised if some reactionaries represented to the Governor-General that he should withhold his assent to a Bill which, in respect of the minimum mariageable age of girls, gives further than the Hindu Code Bill which is satisfied with the age of 14 years.

A Dismal Report

A review of the Administration Report of the Bombay Municipality for the year 1947-48 came up for discussion at the Corporation's meeting on Monday. We wonder if the review could not have been prepared much earlier. As it is, it deals with old conditions on which present comment becomes relevant only because those conditions have not much changed. Mr. Dinkar Desai had reason to complain that in spite of general water shortage huge and increased quantities were supplied to bungalows, gardens and the Race Course. We, fear the misplaced concessions still continue. Mr. Desai was also right in condemning the disposal of about 5½ million square yards of municipal land when there was none available for the construction of tenements to house its employees. House shortage in the city is becoming unsufferable. After a careful survey the Associated Press of India declares that about one and a half million people are either homeless or ill-housed and nearly half a million of them live on pavements. It is the duty of the Municipality as well as Government to provide some relief in this matter. The least the municipality can do is to provide tolerable tenements for its own homeless or ill-housed employees. The sanitation of the city has also much deteriorated as a result of overpopulation, and in many parts of the city the accumulated and neglected garbage is a grave menace to the city's health. The conditions demand prompt and more serious attention than it has so far received.

Hawkers And Beggars

Not the least vexing features of the congestion in the city is the hawker and beggar nuisance in the streets. Mr. N. C. Bharucha probably made an understatement when he said that, while the municipality had issued 43,000 licences to hawkers, there were as many more unlicensed hawkers in the streets. With the increase of population the number of unlicensed hawkers seems to have become undefinable. And the same may be said of beggars. Mr. Bharucha's suggestion of reserving some open spaces for the use of hawkers will not prevent numbers of them from frequenting the streets and pavements. Unlicensed hawkers, wherever they are found obstructing traffic, should be dealt with more strictly. The beggar problem is a much harder one and cannot be wholely solved without the co-operation of Government in starting a number of beggars' howes. In short the terrible congestion in the city, as a result of ceaseless immigration of poor people in search of a living, is putting additional heavy responsibilities on the Corporation and is severely straining its resources. It is up to the Municipality of the first city in India to strive its utmost to cope with these responsibilities.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Surprise For B.P.T. Staff

Sir,—From all quarters surprise is being expressed at the refusal of the Commissioner of Police to grant permission to hold the Sixth Annual General Meeting of the B. P. T. Staff Association. Why, it is asked, a stock taking meeting should be thought so dangerous (to the peace of the City!), so as to deny to the members the elementary right of association and of deliberations over their constitutional activities?

The meeting was, as a matter of routine, convened to render the annual accounts and to elect new office-bearers for the ensuing year. But the B. P. T. Administration appears to have mistrusted the whole business of "constitutional activities." Aware of their shortcomings and faults, the Port authorities evidently feared something else. For, prior to this, the Association had on several occasions addressed the Chairman of the B. P. T. regarding various malpractices, but to no avail. It had pointedly brought to his notice that the pledge given by him was broken, at every available opportunity, by his officers, in the following manner.

1. The revision of scales of pay of the the clerical staff whose income is meagre was long overdue, whereas that of the high salaried officers was effected without delay. (The officers now draw a salary much higher than that warranted in the Pay Commission Report and higher still that that of Administrative Departments of the Government of India).
2. The clerical staff are being punished without holding proper enquiry and without affording them opportunity and facilities to defend themselves. The rulings in such cases are arbitrary and smack of corruption.
3. Contrary to the definite assurances both oral and written, given by the Chairman, supersession in the promotions is the order of the day. Glaring cases of rank favouritism have been referred to the Chairman.
4. A studied silence is waintained on practically all the matters and grievances of the staff referred to the Chairman.

Despite the request to investigate and to favour us with his remarks before holding the meeting, the Chairman Mr. Bhide, unlike the past Chairman, Sir Rama Rau who was at all times responsive, has upto now not replied to the communications addressed by the Association. But a reply to all our peaceful and constitutional protests has now come from other quarters: the Commissioner of Police has refused to grant permission to hold a stock taking meeting, lest in the meeting voices of protest are raised against the Administration of the B. P. Trust. —Yours, etc.

A MEMBER OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Matheran Lights

Sir,—The supply of electricity in Matheran has gone from bad to worse. For weeks now no one has had a regular electric supply. The current comes in the evening for half an hour. Then it is switched off. Rarely it is switched on again for a little while. It all depends on the whims of the man at the company's switch-board. Visitors have to eat their evening meal before the sun set. Kerosene is scarce. The street lights are on till midnight. Many of the residents would gladly sacrifice the lighting on the streets if they can get a regular electric supply in their houses. Apparently the company does not want to break their contract with the municipality because of the penalty clause. But there is no such protection for the house owners so the company cuts, at will, the electric supply to them. All complaints to the company and to the Bombay Government have fallen on deaf ears. It is high time somebody in authority looked into this scandal.

M. K. SETT.
Secretary, Property Owners Association, Matheran.

King's Circle

Sir,—Population of King's Circle has increased by leaps and bounds due to the Sindhis' setting over there. There is one Sindhi Seva Samiti Nagar where there are about 400 houses and average population can be taken at about 2,500.

There has been no change in the condition of the station. Proper shed is urgently required as the Monsoon is fast approaching.

I found one thing missing i.e. one Electric Clock showing us the time. Only keeping the two indicators on each side of the two platforms do not serve the purpose but Electric Clock is required near the indicator to ascertain how much time one has to wait for the train and whether the train is running to the scheduled timings or not.

MRS. S. D. CHANDIRAMNANI.

Cow Protection

Sir,—Nowadays I find many cows wondering day and night in the city streets of Bombay (Fort Area), I don't understand why the cow-owners have left cows free to move in the streets. Cows are more useful to human life and as such should not be allowed to eat dirty things in the city streets.

I, therefore, earnestly request the cow owners and authority concerned to take necessary precautions to protect the street cows.—Yours, etc.

K. G. THINGALAYA.

The OPEN AIR

When we last paid a visit to Crawford Market, we left behind the main building with its fruit and vegetables, flowers and spices, and crossed over, at the insistence of my son, to the section where they sell birds, fish and animals. Really it is a heart-rendering place to visit. There were monkeys, those jolly little brown ones which are such fun to watch as they play among the branches of the trees in the freedom of the jungle. Here we saw several of them crowded together in one cage with no room to enjoy themselves at all. A dog, with very little claim to pedigree, was chained up in the sun, and as we passed it looked at us hopefully, as if it felt that we might give it a good home where it would receive some care and affection. There were birds by the hundred, parrots, lovebirds, pigeons, mynahs munias, weaver-birds and even sparrows, crowded together in cages, most of them birds which had been used to the unbounded freedom of the countryside where they were able to range at will for mile after mile. Some had already died, or lay pathetically panting on the floors of the cages. The saddest sight of all, perhaps, was that of a lovely black-headed oriole confined in a cage so small that it could not possibly stretch its wings at all. I felt an overwhelming desire to throw open the doors of all the cages and to restore all these poor captive creatures to the freedom that is theirs by right.

D. R.

A BIRD IN THE CAGE.

WORSENING SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA

Dr. Dadoo To Report To Indian Leaders

BOMBAY, May 4 (A.P.I.): Dr. Y. M. Dadoo, President of the Transvaal Indian National Congress, who arrived in Bombay by air today, told A.P.I. that he had come to India to give first hand report on the political situation in South Africa and the position of Indians there.

Dr. Dadoo, who will spend three months in India, will meet political leaders, Ministers of Central and Provincial Governments and "discuss with them the worsening situation in South Africa in so far as the Indian and other non-white peoples are concerned."

Reviewing the present situation in South Africa, Dr. Dadoo said "In my opinion the Malan Government's policy of racial segregation has created such a serious situation that any delay in coping with it is fraught with the gravest consequences.

"The seriousness of the situation can be gauged by the terrible disaster which recent riots in Durban inflicted upon the Indian people. There is no doubt that these riots have been fomented and instituted by European elements in order to prevent the growing unity between the various sections of the non-white people against the apartheid or segregation policy of the Malan Government".

Dr. Dadoo added: "Furthermore while Dr. Malan was sitting at the same table with the Prime Ministers of India, Pakistan and Ceylon at the Dominion Prime Ministers Conference, his government in South Africa was introducing a bill in Parliament prohibiting marriages between Europeans and non-Europeans.

FORCING INDIANS OUT

Dr. Dadoo said that in pursuance of the South African policy, Europeans were once again organising a boycott of Indian traders in the Transvaal.

"It is obvious," he said, "the Government's intention is to make the position of Indians so untenable and insecure that they would clear out of South Africa of their volition. It is in this way that the South African Government want to put into practice their scheme of expatriation for which they are willing to spend one hundred million pounds".

The Malan Government should realise by now that the Indians born and bred in South Africa would not leave their homeland, Dr. Dadoo said. They will work together with the African, coloured and progressive sections of the European community against the policy of racialism and for turning South Africa into a true democratic state which would ensure full and equal rights to every person irrespective of race, colour or creed.

EFFECTIVE ACTION

"While the task before democracy loving people in South Africa is clear", said Dr. Dadoo, "it must be seriously borne in mind that effective action now by the Commonwealth and United Nations is imperative in order to eliminate the menace which Dr. Malan's Government presents to peace and security on the continent of Africa and indeed throughout the world"

Referring to the Commonwealth Prime Ministers Conference in London, Dr. Dadoo said: "I am compelled to express the disappointment felt by the nine million non-white population in South Africa and by millions of people in the other colonial territories that the Conference did not raise at all the question of racial discrimination in South Africa, while Dr. Malan was participating in it.

"This may prove to be a grievous blunder, for Dr. Malan's hands are to some extent strengthened in enforcing his vicious Fascist-like policy on the country and even in the enighbouring territories.

"Although the Dominion Prime Ministers' Conference has allowed this vital question to go by default, we hope that the United Nations General Assembly will take this question very seriously and will decide to take effective action against South Africa when India's complaint is reached on the agenda".

NO REMORSE

"I shall certainly return to my homeland (South Africa) as soon as I can do so", said Dr. Dadoo whose passport was seized by the South African Government just as he was about to fly to Paris to advise the Indian delegation on behalf of South African Indians at the last U.N.O. session.

Dr. Dadoo added: "I will go without any remorse or fear for what I have done during my stay in Britain. I have faithfully served the true cause of my country— South Africa— in fighting against racialism and fascist tyranny imposed by the Malanites and racialist Europeans.

"I believe that their activities are inimical to the best interests and progress of South Africa and peace throughout the world. I shall not budge an inch on these great and noble principles, whatever the risks and consequences that such a stand may entail".

Dr. Dadoo last visited India in 1947 with Dr. G. M. Naicker, and attended the Asian Relations Conference held in New Delhi.

U. S. PROTESTS ON SOVIET JAMMING OF "VOICE"

WASHINGTON, May 4.— The United States in seeking through the International Telecommunications Union to have the Soviet Union end its wholesale and intensive jamming of Voice of America broadcasts. Both nations are members of the ITU, one of the specialized agencies of the United Nations. —U.S.I.S.

PRIORITY IN GOVT. APPOINTMENTS

Concession To East Bengal Refugees

CALCUTTA, May 4. (API)—Refugees from East Bengal will enjoy priority in the matter of appointments in Government of India offices in West Bengal and other Eastern India Provinces.

Instructions have, it is learnt been issued by the Central Government that all vacancies in their offices in Assam, West Bengal and Bihar, and Orissa, which are not filled by promotion or transfer, should be reported to the local employment exchanges, who will give preference to refugees from East Pakistan in recommending suitable candidates.

Protection For Calcium Chloride Industry

NEW DELHI, May 4 (A.P.I.): The Government of India has accepted the Indian Tariff Board's recommendation to continue to give protection to the calcium chloride industry for one year i.e. until March 31, 1950, at the present rates of duty according to a press note issued by the Ministry of Commerce.

Improving Land Tenure In Rajasthan Union

JAIPUR, May 4 (API): The Government of Rajasthan have appointed a Committee to report on the present system of land tenure in the Union, the social and economic conditions of tenants and relations between landlords and tenants and ways and means of improving them.

The Government have constituted boards to deal with anti-corruption work, cottage industries, harijans, kisans, adivasis labour, refugee relief and rehabilitation board, public health and the study of Sanskrit. Each board will be under a Minister.

INDIAN STANDARD FOR CONIFEROUS TIMBER

NEW DELHI, May 2.

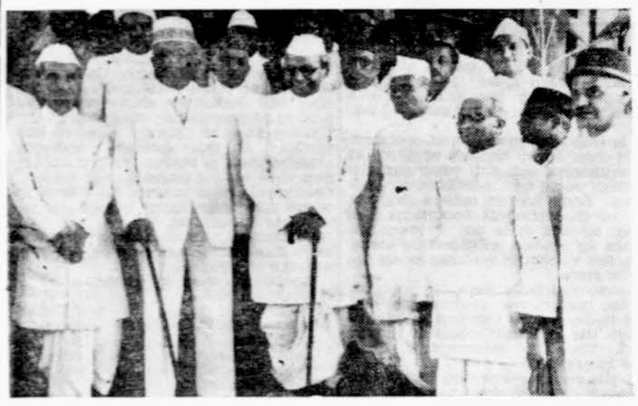
A draft Indian standard specification for coniferous sawn timber intended for further conversion has been prepared by the Timber Products Sectional Committee of the Indian Standards Institution to cover the various requirements of the trade and, in particular, those of the purchasing departments of the Central, Provincial and State Governments.

All species of coniferous timber have been classified into four grades. In addition to the definition of a number of terms used in the trade, requirements of the first three grades in regard to species of timber, dimensions, permissible defects, and estimated percentage of recovery of useful material are specified in detail in the standard.

This draft standard is being circulated among timber interests for purposes of comments and suggestions. Comments on this standard should reach the Director, Indian Standards Institution, Old Secretariat, Delhi by June 30, 1949.

Flying Accident

NEW DELHI, May 4 (A.P.I.): Flight-Lieutenant A Srihari died in a flying accident which occurred yesterday in a place seven miles from Rohtak, a Defence Ministry "communique" announced today.



The bust of the late Seth Haridas Madhavdas was unveiled at the East India Cotton Association . Photo shows Sir Purushottamdas Thakurdas after he paid tributes to the Seth.

TRIBUTES TO SETH H. MADHAVDAS

PREMIER UNVEILS BRONZE BUST

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Bombay's Premier Mr. B. G. Kher assured the cotton merchants of the city today that the economic crisis in India was practically at an end, and that the country was now slowly emerging on an era of peace and plenty. He hoped that the commercial community would appreciate the fast-changing conditions in all spheres of national life and help the Government tide over the present difficulties.

The Premier was unveiling a bronze bust of the late Seth Haridas Madhavdas, a former President of the East India Cotton Association, at the Association's premises at Cotton Green this afternoon. Sir Purshottamdas presided.A large gathering composed mainly of cotton brokers was present on the occasion.

Mr. Kher said that along with merchants and labourers, the Government was also indebted to the late Seth Haridas, for it was he who had introduced

The late Seth Haridas Madhavdas

the system of employment of labour by licenced contractors only, and thus assured the labour of a fair wage. Seth Haridas had also established a co-operative credit society, and several night-schools and hospitals.

Mr. Kher also announced a donation of Rs. 30,000 by Messrs. Amersey Damodar, Cotton Merchants, for the Cotton Brokers' Staff Union's Dispensary, at the Cotton Exchange, Marwari Bazar, to be named after the late Seth Haridas.

Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas eulogised the services rendered by the late Seth Haridas to the cotton trade. It was due to him, he said, that labour was properly organised in Sewri. He was a friend of the depressed and the down-trodden. He also took a leading part in Congress activities.

PREPARATIONS FOR I.N.T.U.C. SESSION

Pandal Being Erected

INDORE, (By Mail).

The General Secretary of the Socialist Party announces that the second session of the Central India Socialist Party will be held at Indore on May 14 and 15 under the presidentship of Mr. J. P. Milind. Dr. Rammanohar Lohia is being requested to inaugurate the session. Meeting of Kisan and Labour workers in Central India will also meet at that time

ELECTION CHALLENGED.

Mr. K. S. Sharma (Jhabua-Malwa) M.L.A. has filed an appeal before the President of the Constituent Assembly of India challenging the election of Mr. Kusumkant Jain a repreeintative of smaller States constituency in Malwa. Mr. Sharma maintains that nominations for the election were invited on the same day when a notification in this respect was published in the "Gazette".

I. N. T. U. C. SESSION.

Preparations are now fast going on for the second plenary session of the I. N. T. U. C. scheduled to be held here on May 6, 7 and 8. Sardar Patel will inaugurate the session. A huge pandal to accommodate about 30,000 visitors, besides the 3,000 delegates, is being erected. Addressing a meeting of the Press representatives the Organising Secretary of the I. N. T. U. C., Mr. V. V. Dravid, observed that all provinces and industries will be represented in this conference. Sri R. R. Diwakar, Sri Jagjiwanram Dr. Pattabhi, Sri Shankerrao Deo, Sri S. K. Patil, Sri B. G. Kher, Sri Sampurnanand and several other Congress and Labour leaders are expected to be here for the Conference.

INDIA'S SHIPPING CORPORATION

Scindia's To Be Entrusted With Management

NEW DELHI, May 4 (A.P.I.): The agreement entrusting the managing agency of India's first Shipping Corporation to Scindias is expected to be signed in Bombay in about four weeks, it was learned here today.

Government of India's Solicitors and representatives of Scindias met in Bombay yesterday and reviewed the draft agreement. It is understood that except for a few points there was general approval of the text of the draft agreement.

Tourists Leave For Ceylon

BOMBAY, May 4 (API): A party of twenty-five tourists, the first party to leave on a conducted tour after the war, left Bombay this morning by special plane for Colombo.

Mr. D. S. Senanayake, Prime Minister of Ceylon, and Mr. Annesley De Silva, Ceylon Trade High Commissioner in Bombay, met the party at the Santa Cruz airport and welcomed them to Ceylon.

Mr. N. J. Katgara, who is in-charge of the party, said that the tour would last three weeks.

Political Sufferers In Faridkot State

PATIALA, May 4 (API): The Patiala and East Punjab States Union Government, have reinstated with retrospective effect, all persons dismissed by the Raja of Faridkot, a covenanting State, during the political agitation there two years ago. They have also restored with retrospective effect all confiscated pensions.

Communists On Hunger Strike

AHMEDABAD, May 4 (API): Thirteen Communists, detained in the Sabarmati Central Jail, have been on hunger-strike for the last two days demanding good food, good clothes, newspapers and maintenance allowance for their families.

Baroda State Railway Taken Over

BOMBAY, May 4 (API): The management and control of Gaekwar of Baroda State Railway has been taken over by the B. B. & C. I. Railway administration with effect from the first of this month.

An announcement to this effect was made by the B.B. & C.I. administration today.

The Baroda State Railway covers about 800 miles.

Several Greek Guerillas Killed

ATHENS, May 4 (PTI-Reuter):—The Greek guerillas lost 1,905 killed in civil war fighting in April compared with the Government's 196 according to official Government figures today.

Other figures were: Guerillas 1,638 captured and 114 surrendered Government: 747 wounded and 34 missing.

Stop Press

GLASGOW FIRE KILLS 13 WOMEN

GLASGOW, May 4 (UPA): At least 13 women were killed and a score injured in a mysterious fire which burned out an entire block of stores and a movie theatre in the heart of Glasgow today. An undetermined number still are missing and police said that the final death total might reach 20.

BRUSSELS RATIFICATION OF ATLANTIC PACT

BRUSSELS, May 4 (UPA): The Chamber of Deputies ratified the North Atlantic pact today 139-22. The treaty now goes to the Senate for final approval. Votes against the pact were cast by Communist deputies. One Socialist abstained.

CLAY PIGEON CONTEST

MADRID, May 4 (UPA): The Italian Bodino won the Madrid Cup Clay Pigeon Shooting contest today, getting 24 pigeons without a single miss. The present world champion, Celestani, was second with 23 out of 24 Spaniard Andres Periz Pardo was third with 22 out of 24.

Saurashtra Education Minister To Resign

(From Our Correspondent)

RAJKOT, May 2: Mr. Nanabhai Bhatt, Saurashtra Education Minister has resolved to relinquish office on May 6 and to resume rural welfare work at Ambla it is learnt.

OPPOSITION TO ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Tirth To Report To States Ministry

HYDERABAD, May 4 (UPI): Swami Ramanand Tirth, President of the Hyderabad State Congress, will leave for Delhi on May 7 to appraise Indian leaders and officials of the States Ministry with reactions of political parties to the Hyderabad Military Government's proposal to form Advisory Committees for different Government Departments.

The consensus of opinion of members of the State Congress Working Committee appears to be that this method devised by the Military Government for closed co-operation of the people is awkward and in a way unacceptable. They also feel that the State Congress should have been consulted before any such announcement was thought necessary.

They further state that closer liaison between the people and the Government is possible only when some popular leaders are included in the Cabinet, so that they could safeguard the interests of the local people and implement long-term programmes of reconstruction and reorganisation in the State.

CONGRESS REJECTION

The Working Committee of the Hyderabad State Congress today rejected the Military Governor's recent proposal for the formation of Advisory Committees to help the administration, it is learnt.

After a three-and-a-half-hour discussion on the subject, the Committee is reported to have come to a unanimous decision that the Military Governor's proposal failed to meet the aspirations of the people.

POPULAR CO-OPERATION

The best way to enlist popular co-operation is to take the majority party into confidence", said Swami Ramanand Tirth, President of the Hyderabad State Congress in an interview to United Press of India today.

He stated that the Hyderabad State Congress was busy drawing up a comprehensive programme of agrarian reforms and labour legislation which would be implemented at the earliest possible opportunity.

Regarding the food situation in the State, he said that, according to reports and what he saw in the districts, it was deteriorating from bad to worse.

When his attention was drawn to the recent statement of Mr. N. V. Gadgil, Minister for Works, Mines, that Hyderabad State would be disintegrated within 6 months, he reserved his comment saying: "The statement from the Minister of Government of India has its own value". The forthcoming Constituent Assembly of Hyderabad would decide all about this and the State Congress would define its attitude in unambiguous terms regarding all these issues after the open session of the State Congress in July 1949. he added.

Asked about his activities in Poona in connection with Samyukta Maharashtra Parishad, he said that Shankerrao Deo, General Secretary of the Indian National Congress was coming here at his invitation to study the conditions after the "police action".

SCARCITY OF JOWAR

There is scarcity of jowar in Hyderabad city, it is reported. The stocks of jowar in Government godowns are not sufficient to last another month, while the fresh jowar crop will not come before October next.

The consumption of cereals in Hyderabad city is stated to be 40,000 bags of jowar, 40,000 bags of rice and 209,000 bags of wheat.

The rationing authorities are now trying to encourage the consumption of wheat in place of jowar which is the staple food here.

ENROLMENT DRIVE

The District Congress Committees of Nalgonda and Warangal, the Communist-infested districts, which had suspended their activities under orders of the military Government, have once again resumed their activities, with marked improvement in the situation. The enrolment drive for Congress membership is in full swing and already 60,000 members have been enrolled in Warangal District also.

CONSEMBLY ELECTION IN HYDERABAD

HYDERABAD, May 3. (UPI)—Considerable spadework in connection with the proposed elections to Hyderabad's Consembly has been done, it is stated today.

The election authorities hope to register on the rolls 90 lakh adults out of a total population of 16,10,00.000 The voters lists of the Communist-affected districts are expected to be finalised shortly when the work of registration will be said to have been completed.

The printing of the lists has also started in some of the districts

Karnatak Gram Seva Sangh Property To Be Returned

HYDERABAD, May 3. (UPI)—The Hyderabad Government have passed an order directing that the property of the Hyderabad Karnatak Gram Seva Sangh, including an electric lathe machine which had been confiscated by the previous regime during the struggle period, be restored to the Sangh.

The electric lathe machine, with a capacity to manufacture 300 charkas per month, was utilised after confiscation by the authorities for manufacturing arms, it is reported.

Further, the Government have sanctioned a loan of Rs. 30,000 from Industrial Trust Fund of Hyderabad to the Sangh for purchasing two khadi bhandars with spinning and weaving centres from the All-India Spinning Association, Hubli branch, and to develop cottage industries in the Kannadi-speaking areas of the state.

NEW LEADER OF MADHYABHARAT

Vijayavargiya Elected

INDORE, May 4 (API): The Madhya Bharat Dhara Sabha Congress Party, meeting here tonight, unanimously elected Mr. Gopikrishna Vijayavargiya, President of the Madhya Bharat Provincial Congress, as leader of the party in place of Pt. Liladhar Joshi, who resigned yesterday.

The Rajpramukh of the Madhya Bharat Union, the Maharaja of Gwalior, who is now in Indore, is expected to accept tomorrow Pt. Liladhar Joshi's resignation as Premier, tendered a month ago.

The formation of the new Cabinet by Mr. Vijayavargiya may take two or three days, and till then the present Ministry will continue

It is understood that Pt. Joshi at tonight's meeting made it clear to the party that he did not wish to continue in office, and pressed for acceptance of his resignation, which the party did without discussion.

Mr. Mishrilal Gangal, Commerce and Industries Minister in the outgoing Cabinet, proposed Mr. Vijayavargiya as the leader.

The party, however, by a third resolution, moved by Mr. V. S. Khode, till recently Deputy Premier of the Union, decided that the new leader of the party should form his Ministry in consultation with Pt. Liladhar Joshi.

Out of 59 members of the party 54 were present, including Mr. Baburam Sahai, members of the Working Committee of the Indian National Congress.

MEMORANDUM

Pt. Joshi's supporters claimed earlier in the day that 31 members of the party had signed a memorandum expressing confidence in the Premier and a desire that he should continue in office. The memorandum was not placed before the meeting, but a reference to it was made by a member, Mr. Gautam Sharma, President of the Gwalior Congress Committee.

NEW LEADER'S CAREER

Forty-five-year-old Mr. Gopikrishna the first President of the Gwalior State People's Conference in 1937 when the organisation was formed, and was twice re-elected to that position, he became President in 1944 of the Central India Regional Council of the All-India States People's Conference which was last year transformed into the Madhya Bharat Provincial Congress Committee, according to the new directive of the All-India Congress Committee, after the introduction of full responsible Government in Gwalior State, he became Commerce and Industries Minister under the first popular Premier, Pandit Liladhar Joshi.

Commonwealth Aid To Burma

RANGOON REPORTS PREMATURE

LONDON, (Bay Radio).

It is not yet possible to confirm Press reports from Rangoon that the U.K. and other Commonwealth countries have agreed to supply arms and a financial loan to the Burmese Government.

The question of financial and other help, including the supply of arms to Burma, was discussed at the recent Commonwealth Conference in London but the conclusion reached at the Conference has not yet been disclosed.

It will be recalled that last January the Burmese Government made a request to the British Government for financial assistance The British Government considered that the situation in Burma concerned other Commonwealth Governments with interests and responsibilities in South-East Asia, and acordingly an informal meeting was held at New Delhi at the end of February attended by representatives of the Governments of the U.K., Australia, India and Ceylon to discuss financial aid to Burma.

The New Delhi meeting felt that the first step should be that an armistice should be arranged between the Burmese Government and the Karens and that the present communal strife should be brought to an end through conciliation.

A communication in this sense was sent to the Burmese Government who, however, returned a negative reply.

Although the Commonwealth meeting then adjourned, its work did not come to an end. It was, so to speak, in suspense. Since that time the subject of help of various kinds to the Burmese Government has been under consideration from time to time between the Commonwealth Governments, and advantage was taken—as stated above—of the Commonwealth Conference in London to carry these exchanges a step further.—L.P.S.

People IN THE NEWS

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

BOMBAY, May 3: Rani Maharaj Singh received Mr. H. J. C. Collett.

BOMBAY, May 4: The Hon. Dr. & Mrs. Matthai have left.

Rani Maharaj Singh visited the Female Beggar's Home at Chember, where she was received by Mr. D. V. Kulkarni, Chief Inspector of Certified Institutions, and the Superintendent of the Home.

Shri Girja Shankar Bajpai accompanied by Shri J. S. Mehta have arrived.

Mr. S A. Sabavala, Mr. F. Moraes, Mr. S. Natarajan and Mr. Claude Scott came to tea.

Mr. and Mrs. Talati came to tea with Rani Maharaj Singh.

Mr. Durga Shankar Bajpai came to dinner.

RAJA MAHARAJ SINGH

BOMBAY, May 4 (API): His Excellency the Governor of Bombay, Raja Maharaj Singh, will leave Bombay for Delhi on Saturday, May 7, and will return to Bombay on Wednesday, May 11. His Excellency and Rani Maharaj Singh will thereafter leave Bombay for Mahabaleshwar on Saturday, May 14

MR. DINKERRAO DESAI

Mr. Dinkerrao N. Desai, Minister for Law and Civil Supplies will leave Bombay for Mahabaleshwar on Thursday, May 5, and return on Monday, May 16.

M. I. SARAVENE

BOMBAY, May 4 (API): M. I. Saravene, representative of the French India in French National Assembly, returned to Bombay last night from Paris on his way to Pondicherry.

DR. JOHN MATHAI

Dr. John Matthai, India's Finance Minister, left for Delhi this morning after a week's stay in Bombay. The Finance Minister told the United Press of India that the Reserve Bank of India would conduct an immediate inquiry into the working of the Exchange Bank of India and Africa, Ltd., which had suspended payments recently.

LORD SOULBURY

BOMBAY, May 4 (API): The Governor-General designate of Ceylon, of Ceylon, Lord Soulbury, is expected to reach Colombo next month.

ASAF ALI

CALCUTTA, May 4 (API): Mr. Asaf Ali, Governor of Orissa, arrived here today on his way to Delhi to attend the Provincial Governors' Conference to be held there from May 8. Mr. Asaf Ali will leave for Delhi by air tomorrow morning.

HEALTH STILL NEGLECTED

Amrit Kaur On Plans For Delhi

NEW DELHI, May 4 (A.P.I.): Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Health Minister, Government of India, opening the Ramakrishna Mission free tuberculosis clinic at Karol Bagh (Delhi) said today that the Central Government would take over both the Lady Harding and the Victoria Zenana Hospitals in Delhi.

The Government hoped to increase the bed accommodation in Irwin Hospital, put up at least two primary health centres and get for Delhi Province two mobile dispensaries to cater to the needs of villagers.

"Health has been and continues to be one of the most neglected spheres of our national life", she said. "It pains me to know that we are not able to cater to the needs of even the population of Delhi in the matter of medical aid and relief to the sick and suffering.

"It cannot be a matter of pride to my Ministry that we have to turn away dozens of suffering persons from our hospitals daily, simply because we have not enough beds".

She assured the people that it was not for want of sympathy with the suffering people that the Ministry was unable today to give all the requisite aid and relief which the state should give to every citizen.

MOUNTBATTEN ESTATE BILL IN LORDS

LONDON, May 4 (PTI-Reuter): The House of Lords today gave a second reading—agreed principle—to a bill making it possible for Countess Mountbatten, wife of Lord Mountbatten, last Viceroy of India, to have greater personal control over her inheritance under the will of her grandfather, Sir Ernest Cassel.

There was no discussion. After passing through the Lords, the bill will go to the Commons.

When passed the bill would enable Countess Mountbatten to use the capital of £1,400,000 bequeathed to her which at present she may not use.

She says that increased taxation has cut her and her husband's combined income to a ninth of what it was before the war.

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For attempting to transport Cotton Cloth without a permit, RAMBAI CHHAGANBHAI was sentenced to one day's Simple Imprisonment and fined Rs. 250 or in default to suffer two months' Rigorous Imprisonment.

For storing Whole Milk on the premises of the Hotel and selling Whole Milk Coffee, LAXMIDAS HARICHAND was sentenced to 2 days' Simple Imprisonment and in addition fined Rs. 200.

For obtaining rations without a ration card ABDUL RAZAK ABDOOL RASOOL was sentenced to 1 day's Simple Imprisonment and fined Rs. 100 or in default to undergo 1 month's Rigorous Imprisonment.

For preparing Whole Milk Coffee ABBAS AZIZ DEWAN and TAFZUL FOUZDAR PATHAN were each sentenced to 1 day's Simple Imprisonment and in addition the former was fined Rs. 50 and the latter Rs. 100.

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For failing to surrender Ration Card, and unauthorised possession of the same and drawing rations thereon, ABDUL KADAR MOHIDDIN was sentenced to six months' Rigorous Imprisonment and fined Rs. 200 or in default to undergo two months' Rigorous Imprisonment.

For selling Wholemilk Tea, MOHD SIDDIK, son of Abdul Razak, was sentenced to one day's Simple Imprisonment and fined Rs. 200 or in default to suffer two months' Rigorous Imprisonment

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KEROSENE QUANTUM

The value of Kerosene Units on various Ration Documents for the month of **May 1949** has been fixed, as shown below:—

	Per Unit.	Per Ration Document.
K(L) Card (Lighting Purposes)	1 gallon	—
(K(L) Business Card (Lighting Purposes)	—	2 gallons
K(H) Card (Non-Lighting Purposes)	2 gallons	—
K(H) Permit (Non-lighting Purposes)	—	5 gallons

BOMBAY Stock Exchange

Early Rise Attracts Scattered Realising Sales In Tata Steels

BOMBAY, May 4.

In view of the recent steady improvement in active shares, traders on the Bombay Stock Exchange were cautious and with restricted business, price fluctuations were confined to a narrow range. The general feeling in the market is in favour of a constructive stand but small holders are anxious to clear profits with a view to re-buy on declines.

Tata Steel Defds. opened today at Rs. 1395 against yesterday's close at Rs. 1383. During the early part of the session there was scattered buying and Defds. gained five points at Rs. 1400. At this level the demand was satisfied and with increased realising sales the market declined gradually at Rs. 1385. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 277 and after advancing at Rs. 279 declined at Rs. 276. Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 952 and after improving at Rs. 957 steadied at Rs. 955. Kohinoors were steady at Rs. 281. Swadeshi Shares opened at Rs. 303 and after touching Rs. 306 steadied at Rs. 304. Scindia shares opened at Rs. 14/4 and improved at Rs. 14/8 but quietened at the opening level on profittaking by recent buyers.

Thereafter there was scattered buying and Tata Steel Defds. rallied at Rs. 1390 and Ordinary Shares improved at Rs. 278. Indian Irons changed hands at Rs. 22/11 and Bengal Steels were placed at Rs. 19/1. Dyeings were steady at Rs. 955. Central Indias were placed at Rs. 246/4 and Gokaks were done at Rs. 269/6. Simplex Shares were quoted at Rs. 174. Tata Powers came in ousiness at Rs. 1455 while Associated Cements improved at Rs. 141/14. Belapurs were done at Rs. 195 and Bombay Burmas were quoted at Rs. 282.

At the close there was scattered realising and Tata Steel Defds. were done at Rs. 1386 and Ordinary Shares were placed at Rs. 276. Closing tone of the market was steady.

FORWARD SECTION

MILL SHARES	
Bombay Dyeing (10-8)	958 12
Kohinoor Mills (4-2)	282 0
Svadeshi Mills (1-4)	305 8
Central India Mills (4)	245 9
Simplex Mills (3)	174 0
New Great Eastern (8)	154 0
Indore (9 plus 3)	145 0
Gokak Mills (12) XD	269 8
Century Spinning (15)	265 8
Colaba (12)	130 0
India Bleaching (6)	150 0
Swan Mills (20)	317 0
Finlay Mills (15) XD	258 0
Morarji Gokuldas	450 0
Edward Sassoon (30)	200 0
Meyer (12)	111 4
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	3 1
India United Ord. (0-13-9)	10 11 6
India United Defd. (0-2-6)	1 8
Madhusudan Mill (15)	180 0
Podar (S)	136 4
Khatau Makanji (5)	198 12
STEEL SHARES	
Tata Steel Ord. (4)	277 0
Tata Steel Defd. (64-15)	1386 4
Tata Steel 2nd Pref. (7-8)	141 4
CEMENT	
Associated Cement (6)	141 4
INDUSTRIES	
Burma (12-8)	282 8
Belapur Sugar (9)	194 8
Shivrajpur Syndicate (1-8)	24 8
Scindia Steam (0-8)	14 4 6
Premier Construction	89 12
Tata Chemical	9 4
Tata Oil (2)	58 0
India Iron (0-12)	22 13
Bengal Steel (0-8-0)	18 14
British India Corp. (0-9)	7 14
I. Copper	2 1
Wimco	178 12
Alcock	243 12
ELECTRIC SHARES	
Tata Power (25)	1453 12
Andhra Valley (30)	1397 8
Tata Hydro (3)	147 8

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS	
Elphinstone Mills (5)	61 8
Phonix	197 8
Indian Mfg.	4150 0
Kuria	107 8
New City	180 0
Minerva (12)	112 8
Bradbury	425 0
Bharat Mills (2)	28 0
Bharucha Defd. (0-4)	4 13
Mysore Spg. Mills (8)	172 6
Madhavji Dharamsi (0-12)	14 8
Model Mills (12-8)	185 10
Lakshmi Cotton (25)	601 4
Vishnu Cotton (8)	203 12
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8)	9 4
Western India (40)	4370 0
Standard (15)	225 0
Sholapur Mills (200)	3300 0
Hindustan Mills (40)	4000 0
Tata Mills (2-4)	55 0
Ahmedabad Advance Old (9)	265 10
Ahmedabad Advance New	195 0
Sassoon Silk (3)	29 8
New Union Mills (0-8)	9 0
Madhusudan B (2-8)	35 0
Srinivas Mills (S)	160 0
Raja Bahadur Poona (4)	78 12
Berar Mills	281 4
Victoria Mills	225 0
New Great New	156 0
ELECTRICS (CASH)	
Ahmedabad Electric (4-8)	121 4
Ahmedabad New	45 0
Surat Electric (2-8)	145 0
Karachi Electric (2)	131 4
Broach (0-5)	10 10
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)	10 6 6
Amalgamated (0-12)	12-8
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	26 8
Poona Electric Supply (S)	146 4
Bombay Suburban (3) XR	130 0
BANK SHARES	
Imperial Bank of India (35)	1812 8
Imperial Bank of India P.P (8-12)	441 4
Central Bank	84 4
Central Bank New (1-8)	84 0
Bank of Baroda (2-8) XD	129 0
Union (0)	7 8
Bank of India (4)	184 8
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	45 0
United Commercial (-8)	51 0
Jaipur Bank (1-6)	35 8
Hindustan Commercial	26 12
Mysore Bank (8)	365 0
Eastern Bank (0-14-6)	105 0
INSURANCE	
Oriental (125)	5100 0
Empire (10)	625 0
New India (1)	58 0
Jupiter (1-4)	16 0
Vulcan (0-10)	11 8
Indian Mercantile (2)	37 0
Universal (0-4)	11 4
B. I. G. (1)	19 12
Industrial and Prudential	29 8
Neptune	6 2
New Great	25 0
All India General	15 10
RAILWAY SHARES	
G.P. (1-14)	111 8
Pachora Jamner Rly. (2-8)	120 4
MISCELLANEOUS SHARES	
Steamer (10)	222 8
Bombay Burma New (5)	101 4
Burma Petrol	1 5 9
Mackenzie (6)	70 9
Port Canning (3)	69 4
Kemp and Co. (30)	415 0
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	150 0
Industrial Invest Trust (3-12) XD	89 0
Dharamsey Chemical (2)	39 0
Mukund Iron	10 0
Dena Trust (0-12)	18 0
Alembic (15)	191 4
Supreme India X.R.	
Jam Wire (6)	87 4
Bombay Uganda	60 8
Bombay Motor Cycle	30 0
Indian Cement (1937)	18 0
Walchand Nagar Industries (E.S.)	131 4
Associated Cement New (3)	136 12
United Motor	32 0
Bombay Safe Deposit '27)	880 0
Hydary Construction	19 10
Mahmadi Steam	96 0
Gujarat Motor	20 0
Sardar Carbolic X.D.	700 0
Harvey Press	310 0
Estrela Batteries	51 0
Manmad Press	120 0
PREFERENCE SHARES	
Tata Steel 1st (6)	191 14
Andhra Valley (7)	1212 8
Tata Power (7-8)	1280 0
Hydro Electric (7)	122 8
Bombay Steamer (6)	308 4
Central India (5)	625 0
Swadeshi Mills	126 4
Vishnu Mills (7)	640 0
Lakshmi Mills	275 0
New Great Mills (5-8)	227 8
Podar Mills (4)	108 0
Shrinivas Mills	98 0
Elphinstone Mills (7)	112 8
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	310 0
Surat Electricity (3-4)	145 0
Premier Construction 1st (61-4)	118 0
Premier Construction 2nd (6-4)	102 0
Amalgamated (5-8)	123 2
Habib	72 0
Tata Chemical (5)	122 8
Walchand Nagar Indus (7)	130 0
Jupiter General	19 14
Meyer	121 4
Mackenzie 1st	85 0
Mackenzie 2nd	80 0
Ahmedabad Advance	132 8
Mysore Mills	50 0
Standard Mills	101 0
Madhusudan Mills	12 0
Khatau Mills	102 0
Morarji	108 0
DEBENTURES	
Andhra 1952 (4)	103 8
Bombay Steamer (1959) (4-8)	101 10
Indian Hume Pipe (6)	101 0
Walchand Nagar (6)	105 0
Tata Power 1951	103 0
OUTSIDE SHARES	
Burma Corporation	2 3 0
New Victoria Mill	2 0
New Victoria Mills (Pref)	4 12
Phalton Sugar (8) X.D.	105 0
Gold Mohur (20)	312 8
New Kaiser-Hind	360 0
Sajjan Mills (20)	160 0
Osmanshahi Mills (10)	265 0
Azam Jahi Mills (10)	270 0
Air Service XR	6 8
Air India	91 0
Hind Motor	4 0
India Steam	8 7

SUGAR MARKET.
BOMBAY, May 4.

Small Crystals	88	4	0
Medium Size	90	8	0
Big Size	91	8	0
Buland	101	0	0
May dely.	31	14	0
January dely.	28	2	0

Arrivals 2955 Bags.

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, May 4

There was no forward business again to-day in the local market as ruling prices were quoted above the ceiling level.

In the meantime there is increased eagerness on the part of the trade to resume forward business in new crop months. It is understood that the trade has asked the Government to fix maximum price only with a clause for up-country delivery of cotton against hedge contract.

INDIAN COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton July contract is 878 cent points below New York July at Exchange rate 331.

ALEXANDRIA COTTON
Alexandria, May 3

KARNAK—	
July	65.95 + 155
November	58.45 + 05
ASHMOUNI—	
June	46.95 + 30
October	46.90 + 25

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES

BOMBAY, May 3.

	1948-49 Bales.	1947-48 Bales.
RECEIPTS (By Rail & Sea) 29th April to 2nd May	11941	30182
RECEIPTS (By Rail & Sea) 1st Sept. to 2nd May	1127977	1497383
SHIPMENTS: 29th April to 2nd May		
United Kingdom	19071	52449
Continent	132391	297186
China	.....	.....
Japan	1900	.....
Coast Ports	795	1736
Total	6569	1736
SHIPMENTS: 1st Sept to 2nd May		
United Kingdow	19071	52449
Continent	1?2391	297186
China	16601	188324
Japan	18044	136486
U. S. A.	13804	40484
Other Foreign Countries	4444	24715
Total all Foreign Countries	204355	739644
Coast Ports	136794	69295
Total	341149	808939
TRANSHIP IN BOMBAY HARBOUR During the month of March		
Total	225	1468
1st Sept. to 31st. March		
Total	1006	17840

HESSIAN MARKET.
BOMBAY, 4.

	Pies
45x11 PER YARD	
Ready	91
May	90
June-July	89

BAGS D. W.

Ready	118	0	0
April-June	110	0	0
July-Sept.	101	0	0

ART SILK YARN.
BOMBAY, May 4.

12 Italy Ready	3	2	0
150 Italy Ready	3	8	6
120 Japan Ready	3	5	0
150 Japan Ready	3	8	0
150 D. Box May	698	0	0
150 D. Box June	708	0	0

PEPPER PRICES.
BOMBAY, May 4.

Vaishakh dely.	1490 to 1500
Jeth dely.	1510 to 1525

GOLD & SILVER

Bombay, May 4

After a sharp spurt in afternoon trading yesterday the local Bullion market ruled quiet under renewed selling.

It is said that professional operators would take up all tenders of silver at the settlement but, still what quantity of Silver would be available is not known. Some traders believe that in view of the stringent conditions of money market, it is not an easy job to take up tenders with private loans Thus the market is working in an uncertain state.

Professional bulls were not supporting the market and prices again declined to-day under renewed selling although the budla difference is reverse Rs. 3. Thus the settlement is likely to be interesting.

At the opening Forward Silver for Vaishakh delivery was quoted at Rs. 181-12 and sharply declined at Rs. 179-14 under renewed long liquidation. Thereafter there was scattered short covering and the market recovered at Rs. 180-6. Ready Silver was offered at a discount of annas eight at Rs. 179-14.

Forward Gold market opened at Rs. 114-1 for Vaishakh delivery and declined at Rs. 113-10 in sympathy with decline in Silver price. Later there was scattered buying and the market steadied at Rs. 113-12. Ready Gold was quoted at a premium of rupee one at Rs. 114-12 and Sovereigns were placed at Rs. 74.

Final quotations were as under:

	Rs.	a.	p.
Silver Ready	179	9	0
Silver Vaishak	180	2	0
Gold Ready	114	10	0
Gold Vaishak	113	10	0

SALES OF T. D. R.

Government of India Treasuey Deposit Receipts of the value of Rs. 28,50,000 were sold during the month of April 1949, as under:

6 months' Treasury Deposit Receipts	Rs.	28,50,000
9 months' Treasury Deposit Receipts	Rs.	Nil.
12 months' Treasury Deposit Receipts	Rs.	Nil.
Total	Rs.	28,50,000

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE
BOMBAY, May 4.

Tata Ordinary 277; Tata Deferred 1386/4; Indian Iron 22/12; Steel Corpn. of Bengal 18/14; Bombay Dyeing 958/12; Central India 245; Gokak 269/8; Kohinoor 282/8; Simplex 174; Swadeshi 305/10; Tata Power 1453/12; Associated Cement 141/4; Belapur 294/6; Bombay Burma (Old) 282/8; Scindia 14/4/6; Central Bank 84/4; New India 58; Tata 2nd Pref. 141/4..

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.
London, May 3.

	£
Consol, 2-1/2 p.c	81-5/8
Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p.c. 1961	106-3/8
Funding Loan 4 p.c. 1960/90	118-9/16
War Loan 3-1/2 p.c. 1952 and after	108-1/16
Chartered Bank of I. A and China	10-7/8
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg.)	91-1/2
National Bank of India	39-1/2

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 6,308.

NEW YORK SILVER.
NEW YORK, May 3.

U. S. Price of Foreign Silver 71-1/2 cents.

PRODUCE MARKET

Bombay, May 4

Suspension of trading in Castorseeds market and fixing settlement rates for May and September deliveries proved a boon to speculators who without obligation to take delivery cleared net profits. In this process bonafide stockists had to suffer. It is a known fact that in the international market, Castorseeds price is about Rs. 100 while speculators were lucky enough to get the rate around Rs. 139.

Groundnuts and Linseed markets were moderately steady with a fair amount of business

Quotations were as under:—

GROUNDNUTS—			
Khandesh quality	38	4	0
Coromandal	37	0	0
Bold ready	36	12	0
Bold April-May	36	13	0
Bold June-July	37	1	0
CASTORSEEDS—			
Ready	27	0	0
LINSEED—			
Ready	31	6	0
April-May	30	14	0
June-July	30	3	0
GROUNDNUT OILS—			
Ready	20	9	0
Ready receipts	20	8	0
May	20	10	0
June	20	11	0
July	20	11	6
Linseed oil	18	12	0
Castorseed oil first pressing quality	17	8	0
Castorseed of commercial quality	18	8	0

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, May. 4.

2 1/2 per cent 1954	98	7	0
2 1/2 per cent 1950	100	5	0
2 1/2 per cent 1955	99	10	0
2 1/2 per cent 1961	96	8	0
2 3/4 per cent 1960	99	8	0
2 3/4 per cent 1962	99	3	0
2 3/4 per cent 1976	96	4	0
3 per cent non-terminable	98	8	0
3 per cent 1986 Con.	98	10	6
3 per cent 1949-52	100	4	
3 per cent 1951-54	101	5	0
3 per cent 1953-55	101	10	0
3 per cent 1959-61	101	1	0
3 per cent 1959-61	100	14	0
3 per cent 1963-65	100	7	0
3 per cent 1966-68	100	2	0
3 per cent 1970-75	100	0	0
3 1/2 per cent 1954-59	104	12	
4 per cent 1960-70	110	6	0
4 1/2 per cent 1950-55	102	12	0
4 1/2 per cent 1955-60	111	8	0
4 1/2 per cent 1953-58	104	14	
PROVINCIAL LOANS			
2 3/4 per cent U.P. 1961	97	10	0
2 3/4 per cent Madras 1961	97	8	0
3 per cent Bombay 1955	100	12	0
3 per cent Bombay 1958	100	10	0
3 per cent Punjab 1949	99	0	0
3 per cent Madras 1952-53	100	6	0
3 per cent U.P. 1952	100	6	0
3 per cent C.P. 1952	100	6	0
3 per cent N.W.F. 1952	97	4	0
3 per cent U.P. 1961-66	100	0	0
4 per cent B.P.T.	110	12	0
4 per cent B. Municipality	110	8	0
5 per cent B. Municipality 1959	114	0	0
6 per cent B. Municipal 1954	114	4	0
3 per cent B. Municipal 1950-60	107	0	0

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, May 4.

B C Rates T T D D 1-5 15/16 Ready. B C Rates T T D D 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Months

London Banks Selling T T D D 1/5 31/32 Ready

London Banks Selling T T D D 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Months

London Banks Buying T T 1/6 1/32 to 9th Month

London Banks Buying T T 1/6 1/16 10th-12th Month

London Banks Buying D D 1/6 1/16 to 4th Month

London Banks Buying D D 1/6 3/32 5th and 6th Month

London Banks Buying D D 1/6 1/8 7th and 9th Month

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 1/8 to 4th Month

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 5/32 5th and 6th Month

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 3/16 7th—9th Month

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 5/32 to 4th Month

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 3/16 5th and 6th Month

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 7/32 7th and 9th Month

New York and Montreal B C Rate T T Rs. 332 1/4.

Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 332 1/4

Banks Buying T T Rs. 330

Banks Buying D D N Y Rs. 328 3/4

Montreal Rs. 328 1/2

Banks Buying D D N Y Rs. 329

Montreal Rs. 328 3/4 L/C

Paris Banks Selling T T Fcs 8100

Paris Banks Buying T T Fcs 8320

Amsterdam Banks Selling T T Fl. 79

Belgium Banks Selling T T D D Fcs 1305

Java Banks Selling T T D D Gld. 79

Hongkong Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 84

Singapore Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 157

Manila Banks Selling T T D D Rs. 165 1/4

New York/London Cross Rate dol. 4.02 3/4 to 4.03 1/4; London/Afghanistan Cross Rate Afghani Rs 52, 57-53. 43 London/Alexandra Cross Rate Pia. 97 1/4-3/4; London/Amsterdam Cross Rate Fl. 10.68-70; London/Bangkok Cross Rate Tcl 40; London-Belgium Cross Rat Fcs. 176 1/2-3/4; London/Denmark Cross Rate Kr. 19.32-36. London/Hongkong Cross Rate Kr 1/3 1/16-1/2 15/16 London/Iran Cross Rate Rl. 128-130; London/Java Cross Rate Fl 10.68-70; London/Lisbon Cross Rate Es. 99.80-100.20; London/Manila Cross Rate Pes. 8.09-8.14; London/Montreal Cross Ratio dol. 4.02 3/4-4.03 1/4; London/New York Cross Rate dol. 4-02 3/4-4.03 1/4; London/Oslo Cross Rate Kr. 19.98-20.02; London/Paris Cross Rate Fcs 1096-1098; London-Prague Cross Rate K 201-202; London/Singapore Cross Rate 2/4 1/16-2/4 3/16; London/Stockholm Cross Rate Kr. 14.47-50; London/Switzerland Cross Rate Fcs 17.34-36.

London Discts 3 Mos 5/8 p c: London Discts 6 Mos 3/4 p c

Reserve: Bank Rate 3 p c; Bank of England Rate 2 p c.

Money:—Call 3/4 pc; 3 Mos 1 p c; 6 Mos 1-1/4 p c; 12 Mos 1-1/2 p c.

Tone:—Shade Easier.

LONDON BULLION.
LONDON, May 3.

Silver Spot and Forward 43-1/2 d. Gold Bars Fine per oz. £8/12/3.

LONDON WHEAT.
London, May 3.

Australian Wheat new crop 96 May June.

Aggressive Covering Of Spot May In N. Y. Cotton Market

WALL STREET RULES VERY STEADY WITH FRACTIONAL GAINS

NEW YORK, May 3. (Ft1-Reuter): Weather complaints and encouraging views of the export outlook neaped the market this morning to temporarily disregard the continued discouraging news from the texile markets. Further reports of mill curtailment clouded the textile situation still more but a steady tendency ruled throughout with sellers not pressing offerings.

Moderate support was equally divided over both the crops with wet weather complaints and wide discounts again helping new crops. In the afternoon buyers were inclined to hesitate after the morning firmness and business slackened until late in the day, when more aggressive covering of spot May position and scarcity of offerings brought a sharp rise in oldcrops.

The unfavourable weekly weather report induced some buying of new-crop positions. The market closed firm with sales estimated at 260,000 bales.

July Highest	32.71+24
July Lowest	32.48+01
October	29.28+06
December	29.07+04
March	28.98+05
Middling Spot	34.00+39

NEW ORLEANS COTTON CLOSINGS.
New York, May 3.

May	33.58+46
July	32.59+18
October	29.27+09
December	29.03+04
Middling Spot	32.85+20

WALL STREET MARKET.

Improved demand for selected Utilities featured otherwise limited stock market dealings in which there were mostly fractional changes eitherway with losses holding the advantage Electric utilities were occasional buying favourites and helped push the group average to a modest gain as reports disclosed that the Electric utility industry earned more money in the first quarter of this year than in any similar period in its 60 year history, and favourable second-quarter prospects. Nonferrous minings gave further ground in response to the additional copper price cut. The averages were Industrials 174.37 and Rail: 47.01.

In the afternoon, prices hovered around noon levels in quiet dealings with rallies scattered and selective. Numerous technicians see no immediate relief from the current level. The rally tended to spread in late dealings notably in motors chemicals steels and specialities and the market closed very steady showing a predominance of mostly fractional gains.

CHICAGO GRAINS.
CHICAGO, May 3.

Prices advanced under the leadership of wheat reflecting buying by commercial houses and shorts, induced by reports that the C. C. C. has advanced its wheat buying price by one-half cent a bushel at gulf and the strength of the Minneapolis cash market. Mills were credited with buying against export flour sales to Italy and expectations that Norway and Holland will re-enter the flour market in the near future. Italy overnight purchased 400,000 hundred pounds weight of 80 per cent extraction hard wheat flour for shipment from gulf ports paying according to trade reports. 4.35 dollars per hundred pounds weight. Maize was aided to some extent by buying by cash houses.

CHICAGO WHEAT.
CHICAGO, May 3.

May 2.19.
July 1.94-1/8.
September 1.94-1/8.
December 1.95-3/4.

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, May 4.

MILLS.

Apollo 3/1.
Ishara 29.
B. Loyeing 953/12 57/8 53/12 59/6 56/4 98/12.
C. India 245/8 46 45 46 45.
Colaba 130.
Century 265 66/4 65/8
Bradbury Ord. 425.
Finlay 257 53/8 58.
Gokak 269/12 69/8.
I. U. Defd. 1/9 1/8.
I. U. Ord. 10/11 10/11-5.
Indore 145.
Kohinoor 281/8 83 80/4 82 81 82.
Laxmi 601/4.
Minerva 112/8.
Morarji 442/8 50.
New Great 154.
Simplex 175 74.
Swadeshi 302/8 5 4 5/8 4/8 5/8.
Tata Mills 55 56 55.
Vishnu 202/8 3/12.
C. P. Rly. 111/8.

STEAMER.

Scindia 14/4 14/10 14/6 14/7 14/4/6.

BANKS.

Baroda 129.
Central 84 84/8 84/4.
Central A New 83/12 83/8 84
Imperial Old 1802/8 12/8.
Imperial New 231/4.
India 183/8 84/8.
Union 7/8.
U. Commercial 51.

ELECTRIC.

Suburban 130
Surat 145.
Hydro 147/8.
Power 1450 55 53/12.
Power Pref. 1280.
New India 57/8 58

STEEL.

B. Steel 18/14 19/1 18/14.
I. Iron 22/12 22/14 22/11 23/2, 22/13.
Tata Defd. 1390 1407/8 1390 1402/8 1385 86/4.
Tata Ord. 277/8 78/12 77/8 78/12 76 77.
Tata 1st Pref. 193/12 95.
Tata IInd Pref. 140/8 41/4.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Alcock 242/8 45 43/12.
A. C. C. Old 140/8 41/8 41 41/12 41/4.
A. C. C. New 136/4 36/12 35/8 36/8
Belapur 196 96/8 94/8 95 94/8.
B. B. Old 282/8 83/2 81/14 82/8.
B. B. New 101/4.
B. B. Petrol 1/5/9.
B. I. C. 7/14.
I. Bleaching 150.
I I Trust 90
I. Copper 2/1.
P. Const. 90/8 92/8 89/8 90 89/12.
Shivrajpur (Ex. Div.) 24/8.
Tata Chem. 8/14 9/4 9/2 9/6 9/4.
Tata Oil 57/12 58.
Wimco 176/4 78/12.

SPECIAL.

Ahmedabad Elec. New 44/8 45.

Shipping News

IMPORTS

BOMBAY, May 4.

S. S. NETRAVATI

From Karachi: 1,016 bales cotton raw, 177 bundles khishmish, 100 bags abjosh. 1,456 bags goowar, 67 bags pistachio nuts.

S. S. VIRGINIA MAY

From Karachi: 3,114 bags goowar, 100 bales cotton, 40 bales dry fruits, 132 bags black raisins, 40 bags pista, 200 bags saji khar, 250 bales raw cotton.

S. S. HERBORG

From Antwerp: 107 bales cotton.

From Hamburg: 300 rolls wire nettings.

From Rotterdam: 200 crates potatoes. 78 bundles sewing machines.

From Lisbon: 70 sacks cork discs.

From Barcelona: 28 cases olive oil.

From Marseilles: 25 ferts nitrate.

From Genoa: 75 bales cotton yarn 60 cases rayon tissues 45 cases rayon yarn 49 cases corks 25 pkgs tartaric acid 2400 ctns corkboard insulators.

S. S. CANTON

From Hongkong: 100 cases needles 66 cases torches 200 bdls cassia.

From Singapore: 54 drums cocoanut oil.

EXPORTS

GOODS ENTERED FOR EXPORT

S. S. KALAVATI

To Karachi: 2137 nags arch fire bricks—Afghan National Bank (India) Ltd.

S. S. NAGARA

To Copenhagen: 220 bales cotton waste—Champaklal & Co.

To Oslo: 118 bales cotton waste—Champaklal & Co.

To Hamburg: 55 bales cotton waste—N. Rajaram & Co. 194 bales cotton waste—Sapt Textile Prod. (India) Ltd. 425 bales cotton waste—M. Narottamdas & Co.

To Rotterdam—50 bales cotton waste—Champaklal and Co.

To Gothenburg—435 bales cotton waste—M. Chandulal. 13 bales cotton waste—U. A. Rave and Co.

s.s. CIRCASSIA

To Liverpool—42 bales cotton piecegoods—J. Hardekar and Co. 6 bales cotton piecegoods—W. Kashidas and Co. 47 bales cotton piecegoods—U. P. Joves.

s.s. DARA

To Behrin—10 cases aluminiam ware—Jeewanlal (1929) Co.

s.s. JALAZAD

To Liverpool—695/200 bales cotton waste—E. T. Robbertson & Son. 100 bales cotton waste—Champaklal and Co. 100 bales cotton waste—Chunilal and Co.

s.s. VIRGINIA MAY

To Karachi—400 pkgs. paint—Elephant Oil Mills Co.

s.s. LINKEKERK

To Copenhagen—77 bales cotton waste—Volkart Bros.

To Rotterdam—50 bales cotton waste—The B'bay Textile Waste Co.

s.s. PRESIDENT BUCHUMAN

To New York—695 bags myraballams—Rex Commercial Corp.

Arrivals And Departures Of Steamers

ARRIVALS

M. S. TRAVANCORE from Gothemburg with 5,097 tons of general cargo on May 3. Agents: United Lines Agencies of India.

THETIS from Calcutta with 6,287 tons of coal on May 5. Agents: Great Eastern Shipping Co.

S. S. JALA USHA from Antwerp with 4,431 tons of general cargo on May 3. Agents: Scindia Steam Navigation Co. Ltd.

S. S. JALA KENDRA from New York with 8,158 tons of general cargo on May 4. Agents: Scindia Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.

DEPARTURES

S. S. JALAMANI for Calcutta with 3,650 tons of general cargo on May 3.

ANASTASSIOS PATERAS for Black Sea in ballast on May 3.

S. S. FATIMA for Karachi with 100 tons of general cargo on May 3.

S. S. JAYALANKA for Tuticorin with 1,200 tons of general cargo on May 3.

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

Weekly Statement Of Affairs

The following is an Account of the Reserve Bank of India, for the week ended the 29th day of April:

ISSUE DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Notes held in the Banking Department	2005,58,000
Notes in circulation	1181,38,23,000
Total Liabilities	1201,43,81,000

ASSETS	Rs.
Gold Coins and Bullion:	
Held in India	40,01,71,000
Foreign Securities	720,34,28,000
Rupee Coin	47,35,49,000
Government of India Rupee Securities	393,72,23,000
Total Assets	1201,43,81,000

Ratio of Total A to Liabilities: 63.288 per cent.

BANKING DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Capital paid up	5,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	5,00,00,000
Deposits:	
Central Government	163,01,68,000
Other Governments	21,90,40,000
Banks	54,69,89,000
Others	68,21,92,000
Bills Payable	2,36,20,000
Other Liabilities	16,81,05,000
Total	337,01,14,000

ASSETS	Rs.
Notes	20,05,58,000
Rupee Coin	12,98,000
Subsidiary Coin	1,50,000
Bills Purchased and Discounted: Internal	50,14,000
Government Treasury Bills	9,85,11,000
Balances held abroad	180,76,49,000
Loans and Advances to Governments	3,47,00,000
Other Loans and Advances	6,31,03,000
Investments	110,77,62,000
Other Assets	5,13,64,000
Total	337,01,14,000

Madras Share Bazar

MADRAS, May 4 (API): Following are today's quotations in the Madras Stock Exchange Association:—

GOVERNMENT LOANS: 3 per cent paper 98 three per cent 1986 98/11 three per cent 1970/75 100 three per cent 1966/68 100/2 Government of Tranvancore 3 per cent 1952/54 101/8 Government of Madras 3 per cent 1956 100/8 three per cent 1958 100.

BANKS: Travancore 13/12.

SUGARS AND BREWERIES: Dec-

PLANTINGS: Chembras 4/0 Ourhterlony CD 4 Peraiakaramalai 21/14 Pullangode 0/12/6 Thirumbadi 1/11 T R and T Co. CD 5/2 Vaikundam

TEXTILES: Balasubramnia 40 Buckingham 146 Cambodia XD 9/4 Janardhana 44/8 Lakshmi 66/8 Madura 39/8 Mettur 305 Mysore Spun 4 Radhakrishna XD 133 Rajalakshmi CD 55 Ranga Vilas 49/8 Trav Rayons 3/10 Trichinopoly XD 10/10 Vasantha XD 99.

MISCELLANEOUS: Andhra Cement CD 65 F A C T 4/6 Mettur Chem 16/12 Mysore Chem and Ferts 7/14 Mysore Paper 10/2

"Moderate" Season For Cloves

DAR ES SALAAM, May 4 (PTI-Reuter): Clove production, one of Zanzibar's main industries, has been seriously affected this season by a partial failure of neavy rains and by disease and, it is estimated, this year's output will be only "moderate."

Price Resistance Holds Worth Street Activity To Low Ebb

NEW YORK, May 3 (UPA): Consumer price resistance and fear of inventory markdowns continued to hold the activity to low ebb in the Worth Street Cotton Cloth Market today.

In cotton goods, coverters thought the situation was becoming "progressively quieter" as the buyers limited new purchases strictly to immediate needs. One observer expressed the opinion that the element of risk-carrying inventory positions exceeded profit possibilities under existing conditions were apparently unimpressed by mill plans to drastically curtail production.

In cotton print goods, the pace-setting 80 square construction held around 19 cents for May with buying interest negligible. A price shading developed in bag sheetings while an Osnaburg handler expressed disappointment over failure of Government flour buying to stimulate interest from the bag trade.

In

CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT

"Destined To Play A Great Role," Says V.L. Mehta

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

"In our progress towards the co-operative commonwealth which is the ideal that the nation has yet before itself, the consumers' co-operative movement is destined to play a very prominent part. The co-operative movement has varied aspects, but of these formed from the point of view both of the vast number affected and the wide range of activities covered, no aspect has received such attention all over the world, as the one which is concerned with the promotion of the common economic interests of consumers", observed the Hon'ble Shri V. L. Mehta, Minister for Finance, Government of Bombay, in a broadcast talk last evening from Bombay Station of All India Radio.

"In theory", he continued, "the consumers' co-operative movement is intended to bring about a reconstruction of the human community from the point of view of man as a consumer. In practice, it constitutes and attempts to replace the retailer by a combination of consumers".

Compared to the progress achieved abroad this branch of the movement may be described as being in its primary stage in India, he observed. Although the pioneer consumers' societies started at Triplicane, Madras in 1903, a year before the official inauguration of the co-operative movement in the country, that was a lone attempt, the influence of which spread only very gradually even in the Province of Madras. However, it was in that province that the movement had now taken deep root.

Till 1940, the consumers' stores movement in the Bombay province was confined to urban areas only, particularly to the City of Bombay. The number of such societies was only 30. The movement received fillip when the Government introduced the system of rationing of commodities particularly consumers' goods. In Bombay city and Greater Bombay, the work of retail distribution of rationing articles was entrusted by the Government to co-operative consumers' societies. In other urban areas also, the consumers movement spread rapidly on account of the policy of the Government of giving preference to co-operative societies in the distribution of rationed and controlled commodities.

It may be admitted here, continued the Minister, that much of the recent progress achieved in this province may be attributed to the general policy of Government to utilise the services of various types of co-operative institutions for the work of distribution of controlled commodities. The springs of that line of action may be traced to Government's appreciation of the fact that co-operative organisations were run not for profit but for service.

"While the State has an obligation cast on it" the history of consumers' co-operation elsewhere in the world indicates that success depends essentially on the unity and strength of the movement itself. Wherever it has been successful, the movement possesses cohesion and has developed powers of internal control which makes the various units function as part and parcel of an organic entity", Mr. Mehta said.

Difficulties Of Essence Manufactures

The Eau-de-Cologne and Essence Manufacturers' Association at its 3rd, general body meeting held on Friday last under the chairmanship of the President of the Association, Mr. H. M. Oldpadwalla, protested bitterly against Government's regardlessness toward their small-scale industry.

The small indigenous manufacturers of the above materials are imposed upon with enhanced licence fees and heavy duties per gallon so that foreign trade gets a free hand and our local industry nursed by these small traders after years of patient toil is gone to wreck and ruin.

The Association met the Excise Commissioner who, after discussions, seems to be guided by the suspicion that the manufacturers might use rectified spirits in contervention of the policy of the prohibition. But the leaders of the Association have volunteered to prepare their commodities in the Government Warehoure as at first.

The Excise Commissioner now wan's to put the foreign material on a level with the local product and has asked the Association to furnish him with statistics.

BRITAIN & CHINESE COMMUNISTS

Question Of Recognition Not Under Consideration

LONDON (By Radio): It is stated authoritatively in London that the question of recognition or non-recognition of the Chinese Communists has not arisen, nor is it under consideration by H.M.G. at the present.

The suggestion had been made in an American news agency report that the British Government was about to recognise the Chinese Communist administration. This forecast was incorrectly deduced from the fact that British Consular officials have attempted to make contact with the local Communist authorities and that the British Ambassador has remained in Nanking.

REASONS WHY

The question of recognising the Communist administration has not been considered because of a number of reasons.

In the first place the British Ambassador is accredited to the Chinese Nationalist Government.

Secondly, the only available news about the Communist authorities comes from Communist statements on the wireless, and indeed at the moment there does not appear to be any administration organised as a rival Government which Britain could recognise.

Thirdly, in any event if the question of recognition were to arise there would have to be an international discussion before any decision could be taken.

The fact that the British Ambassator is remaining in Nanking for the present justifies no deductions. He is staying in Nanking because the Chinese Nationalist Government, after leaving Nanking, does not so far appear to have assembled in any one place, because by remaining in Nanking the Ambassador is on hand to look after British residents and business interests, and because in Nanking the British Embassy has adequate accommodation and communications which it might not be able to enjoy elewhere.

CONTACT WITH REDS EXPLAINED

The reason why British Consuls are attempting—so far without success—to make contact with the local Communist authorities is that it is their duty to look after British subjects and British interests and to do this they have to make contact with the local authorities, whoever they might be. This does not imply recognition or anything else. It is simply the normal function of the Consuls.

With regard to the British Ambassador's continued presence in Nanking, it may be pointed out that all Heads of Diplomatic Missions have remained in Nanking, with the exception of the Soviet Ambassador, who has gone to Canton.—L.P.S.

CONTRACTS SIGNED FOR U. S. SUPERLINER

WASHINGTON, May 4, (U.S.I.S.): Contracts have been signed for the building of the recently-announced $70,000,000 U. S. super liner. The ship intended for the North Atlantic service, will have a passenger capacity of 2,000.

The superliner, as yet unnamed, will have a gross weight of 48,000 tons, a length of 980 feet, and a beam of 101.5 feet. The vessel will have a cruising speed of about 30 knots per hour in maintaining a regular fortnightly schedule between New York, Cobh, Ireland, Le Havre, and Southampton.

The commission said that "the vessel will embody extensive defence features, such as high speed, special provisions for armament and two separate engine rooms". Three years and five months will be needed for its completion.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE

AHMEDABAD, May 4.

It is learnt reliably that the Government of India have called a conference of Stock Exchange Presidents of the country in the middle of the month in New Delhi when various questions regarding money market investments and causes of recent debacles in share markets will be discussed. Government representatives will also be invited from provinces.

Financial circles well-connected with New Delhi decidedly state that Government have no intention of raising borrowing rates or of permitting Reserve Bank to raise its lending rate.

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON JULY
NEW YORK, May 4.

Previous Closing	32.68
Today's Opening	32.72
Difference	+4
Today's Closing	32.60
Difference	—8

LAST QUOTATIONS
BOMBAY, May 4.

	Rs. As.
Silver Vaishak	179 4
Silver Jeth	176 4
Gold Vaishak	113 12
Silver Bullion	179 0
Silver Mint	179 4
Gold Ready	114 12
Sovereign	74 0

Expectation:
Cotton Jarila May 625-8.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
NEW YORK, May 4, (PTI-Reuter): Opening prices Anaconda Copper Mining 29-5/8, General Motors 59, United States Steel Common 72, Pref. unquoted.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Easy Tone

LONDON, May 4. (PTI-Reuter): Princess Elizabeth and Duke of Edinburgh watched dealers at work on the London Stock Exchange today. The Royal party toured the floor of the house and at their special request business continued normally.

The start of new account failed to bring the expected influx of buying orders. Prices were marked higher in initial stages but later eased in quiet trading.

Iron and Steel Shares again made best showing among industrials. Leaders were in good demand and recorded useful gains. Other industrials were hesistant and slightly irregular with the motor shares dull, following disappointing results from the Morris Company.

British Government Stocks were widely 1/16th lower, new gas three per cent lost 3/16ths at 10/0 and 7/8ths.

Oils continued to receive investment support and were generally firm with gains of 1/32 among leaders.

European bonds made further progress which was particularly marked in general loans.

South African mining tended lower. Absence of support caused prices to be marked down throughout the list.

MADRAS SHARE MARKET

MADRAS, May 4 (A.P.I.): Following are today's quotations in the Madras Stock Exchange Association:

LOANS: Government of India 3 per cent Paper 98, 3 per cent 1986 98/11, 3 per cent 1970/75 100. 3 per cent 1966/68 100/2, Government of Travancore 3 per cent 1952/54 101/8 Government of Madras 3 per cent 1956 100/8. 3 per cent 1958 100.

BANKS: Travancore 13/12.

SUGARS AND BREWERIES: Deccan 17, Mysore 43/13.

PLANTINGS: Chembras 4/9, Cochin Malabar 3/8, Ouchterlony CD 4, Peralkaramalai 21/14, Pullangode 0/12/6, Thirumbadi 1/11, T. R. & T. Co CD 5/2, Vaikundam 6/4 ex-dividend.

TEXTILES: Balasubramania 40, Buckingham 146, Cambodia XD 0/4, Janardhana 44/8, Lakshmi 66/8, Madura 39/8, Mettur 305, Mysore Spun 4/14, Radhakrishna XD 133, Rajalakshmi CD 55, Ranga Vilas 4/8, Trav Rayons 3/10, Trichinopoly XD 10/10, Vasantha XD 99.

MISCELLANEOUS: Andhra cement SD 65, F. A. C. T. 4/6, Mettur Chem 16/12, Mysore Chem & Perfs 7/14, Mysore Paper 10/2, Spencer 10/8.

Calcutta Stock Exchange

CALCUTTA May 4. (A.P.I.) The Exchange continued quieter tone round the more speculative stocks today with other industrials remaining unchanged. Following are today's final transactions upto 2-30 p.m.:

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES: 3 per cent Govt. Paper 98/7, 2-3/4 per cent India Govt. Loan 1960 99/6, 3 per cent Loan 1986 98/11, 3 per cent Loan 1949/52 100/3, 3 per cent Loan 1959/16 100/15, 3 per cent Loan 1965/65 100/10, 3 per cent Loan 1966/68 100/1/6, 3 per cent Loan 1970/75 100/1, 3 per cent U. P. Loan 1961/66 99/8.

BANK: Bengal Central 8/6, Calcutta National 11/12, Hind 27.

COTTONS: Basanti 7/2, Victoria Mills pref 4/9.

COALS: Amalgamated 22, Bengal 39/6, Burra Dhemo 2, Burrakur 10/14, Burrakur second pref 10/2, Central India Coal 4/8, East Indian 25/10, Kalapahari 26, Katras Jherria 25, New Bheerbhoom 13/6.

MININGS: Burma Corp XW Ind Copper Corp 2/1, Karanpur Development 22/6, Tavoy Tin -/9/-.

ENGINEERING: Arthur Butler 9/8, Ind Iron and Steel ordy 22/8, Kumardhubi Engineering 7/8, Marshalls 5/1, Saran Engineering 7/8, Steel Corp of Bengal ordy 18/11, Steel Corp of Bengal pref 123/8.

MISCELLANEOUS: Assam Bengal Cement 6/0, Assam Bengal Cement defds 1/7, Dalmia Cement ordy 7/12, Dalmia Cement pref 86, Sone Valley Cement 5/11, Alkali and Chemical 9/10, British India Corp 7/14, B. B. Petrol 1/5, India General Navgn 88, India Steamship 6/12,

SUGARS: Carew 7/8, Murree Brewery 9/3, United Provinces Sugar

TEAS: Bishnath 32/8, C. T. Corp "B" 0/2, Moheema 5/14, Rrdak 50, Teen Ali 13/8, Tezpore 20/6.

IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTION AT JAMSHEDPUR STEEL WORKS

Messrs. Tata Industries Ltd., Managing Agents for the Tata Iron and Steel Co., Ltd., report that the total approximate production of Iron and Steel at the Steel Works at Jamshedpur during the month of April 1949 was: Pig Iron 84,900 tons; Steel Ingots 95,200 tons.

FINISHED STEEL: Semis for sale 17,100 tons; Finished 41,300 tons.

Sir H. P. Mody is sworn in as Governor of U.P.

ECHO OF MURDER OF MAJOR LINGAM

HYDERABAD, May 3. (UPI)—An echo of the murder of Major Lingam, an European officer of the Hyderabad State forces, by an angry mob, was heard today when Mr. Afzuluddin Farooki, additional city magistrate, Hyderabad, convicted seven persons to terms of imprisonment ranging from one to four years.

Babu Lal was sentenced to four years, Srinivas Rao, three years, V. G. Shesabhi and Satyanarayan Singh, two years each; and Rajhia, Narayanrao and Lachamyya to one years imprisonment each.

Major Lingam, it may be recalled, met his end on the day of immersion of Gandhiji's ashes in the sangam here in early 1948 prior to the police action, under tragic circumstances. The story goes that he was trying to scare away birds with his air gun when a bullet hit a woman in the mob heading for the sangam to witness the immersion ceremony. The injury to the woman enraged the angry mob who broke into the Major's bungalow and cudelled him to death

MORE EXPORTS IN 1948

30 Per Cent To Hard Countries

NEW DELHI, May 4 (A.P.I.): India's exports in 1948 showed an increase in value over the previous year's — Rs. 420 crores compared with Rs. 378 crores in 1947 and Rs. 249 crores in 1946. The figures for periods before August 1947 relate to undivided India.

Commodities, exports of which figured in the 1948 increase, were jute manufactures, cotton piecegoods, seeds, lac, mica, groundnut oil, linseed and castor oil.

Declines were recorded in commodities such as raw jute, raw cotton and cotton waste, hides and skins, manganese ore and tea. Circumstances arising out of the partition were mainly responsible for the decline in these exports, but in the case of manganese ore lack of transport was the main reason.

In 1948 approximately 30 per cent. of India's total exports went to hard currency countries, the U.S.A. alone taking about 66 per cent. of this amount.

Freedom To Export Any Cloth Against Export Quotas

NEW DELHI, May 4 (API): Exporters of cotton cloth will have freedom hereafter to export from India any kind of cloth against export quotas allotted to them, it was learnt here today.

Hitherto, exporters of cotton piecegoods were required to utilise their licences for export of grey and unbgrey cloth in a fifty-fifty ratio. Alternatively they could send printed or dyed cloth for the entire quota.

This step had been taken to reduce the export of bleached cloth, in view of inadequacy in supplies of bleaching power and with a view to conserving supplies of grey cloth within the country.

It was, however, found that subdividing quotas entailed much extra work for the export control organisations and a review was made to find out whether cloth supply positions were abolished. The review has disclosed that the demand for the export of bleached and grey cloth is actually less than the quotas which Government is prepared to allow. Hence the Government has decided to remove the conditions with regard to export.

AHMEDABAD SHARE MARKET

AHMEDABAD, May 4.
(From Our Correspondent)

Share market opened steady. There was general realizing and profit selling closed quiet. General trend is to buy at declines.

Calico opened 1181, lowest 1172, closed 1173. Arvind opened 1538, highest and closed 1550. Deferred opened 1395, highest 1406, lowest 1380, closed 1383.

Closing quotations: Arvind 1549, Ambika 424, Calico 1173, Ashok 700, Deferred 1383, Bagicha 419, New Commercial 1060, Monogram 165-8-0, Ramkrishna 227-8-0, Rohit 112-8-0, Vivekanand 226-4-0, Baroda (XR) 400, Atul 35-8-0, Jahangir 140, Sayaji 116-4-0, Bhalkia 150.

HAPUR MARKET RATES

HAPUR, May 4.

Wheat 24 22-8 Gram 13-8 barley 13-8 maize 13-8 bajra 18 juar 16-8 guawar 11-12 peas 13-2 jeth 12-13 arhar ready 13-8 jeth 13-6-6 urd 18-4 moong 22 masoor 13-4 16-1 sarsoon 27-8 taraseed 23-8 21-8 mustard oil 74 oilcake 9-2 groundnut 17-8 cottonseed 15-8 oats 10-9 bardana ready wheat 125 red 102 asuj 97 Sept 113-8 quiet silver 173-8 gold 112-4 quietly steady gur ready 15-8 baisakh 14-1 fagan 10-4-6 shakkar 16 crystal 31-4 khandsari 24 30.

MADRAS CABINET EXPANSION

No Recognition For Groups, Says Premier

MADRAS, May 4 (API): Mr. P. S. Kumaraswami Raja, Premier of Madras, said today that he had decided not to consider the question of expansion of the Cabinet or the appointment of Deputy Ministers "until a calm and cordinal atmosphere is restored among the Congress legislators".

The Premier, who was holding his weekly press conference, said categorically that he was opposed to representation being given in the Cabinet on the basis of groups in the party.

"I cannot recognise the existence of any group", he said. "Nor can I make any distinction between the person who voted for my leadership and the person who voted against me in the interests of the Congress organisation and the administration of the country. It is extremely injurious to recognise groups".

Replying to a question, the Premier said that he would not admit that a stalemate had resulted from the failure of his efforts to broadbase the Cabinet. The common man, he said, did not bother as to who was the Premier or who were the Ministers so long as the administration was being carried on efficiently.

"And I can say", he added, "that the Government is going on as smoothly as ever".

PRAKASAM'S MEMO

The Premier said that he would shortly forward to the Congress High Command a memorandum of Mr. T. Prakasam, former Premier, demanding, among other things the resignation of the present Ministry and the formation of a new one with the best available men in the Congress legislature party and in the alternative reference, to the High Command of the Madras Ministerial question.

"I will of course give my own views about the memorandum, while sending it to the High Command".

Questioned whether he proposed to take any action in regard to Mr. Prakasam's allegations that there were charges pending against some of the Ministers, the Premier said that he was not concerned with the charges.

It was up to the Minister concerned to answer Mr. Prakasam's charges if he considered it necessary, the Premier added.

THEFT REPORTED FROM KARACHI COURT

KARACHI, (By Air Mail): Sensational theft of two revolvers, jewellery and cash worth over Rs. 25,000 is reported from the office of the Fourth Additional City Magistrate of Karachi.

This is the fourth theft from the same Court room during the past five months.

The Court room happens to be on the third floor of the Revenue Buildings over which police guards are posted all the 24 hours. Every time the thieves are said to have reached the room with the aid of the water pipes.

EIGHT KILLED IN ARMED DACOITY

Details of an armed dacoity in village Hathri district Sukkur (Sind) in which eight villagers lost their lives are now available.

It is reported, the gang of three dacoits, armed with revolvers, rifles and axes, came on camelback and entered the village at about dusk. The residents of this village are mostly Hindu Kisans, who still continue to cling to their ancestorial lands.

Thinking that the dacoits were carrying only American Toy pistols, as was done by a previous gang of dacoits who had tried to loot them only a week ago, the villagers offered stiff resistance with the result that the dacoits opened fire killing eight of the villagers, including one woman, and injuries to three others. The dacoits, therefore, escaped with whatever they could lay their hands on.

A deputation of Hindu residents of Sukkur District waited on the Collector in this connection and for giving arms licenses particularly to those who live in the mofusil.

SOVIET FLAG ON U. S. GIRLS' COLLEGE

BRYN MAWN (PENNSYLVANIA), May 3. (U. P. A.): Flying of a Soviet flag from the hall of this exclusive girls college during annual May Day festivities at Bryn Mawn College was called the work of pranksters by college officials today.

A red banner emblazed with the hammer and sickle fluttered from the administration building for 15 minutes yesterday as students at the college lined up for a May Pole dance.

"Archaeolgical Survivals Unearthed At Vallabhipur

(From Our Correspondent.)

RAJKOT, May 2: The remains of ancient temples and other "archeological survivals" throwing fresh light on the history of the Maitraka Dynasty of Vallabhi (A. D. 509—A. D. 766) have recently been unearthed during the excavations in progress on the site of the Ghodadaman lake Vallabhipur (Saurashtra), the metropolis of the Vallabi empire, described by the Chinese travellers Hiuen Tsiang and I. Tsing. The new finds viewed in conjunction with the epigraphical evidence extant are likely to enable the antiquaries to reconstruct the early history of Saivism and the Hinayana Sammatiya and Mahayana Sthairra Schools of Buddhism, which had a number of monasteries and followers at Vallabipur the former having about 100 monasteries and 9,000 followers at Vallabhipur.

Congress Agrarian Reforms Committee

NEW DELHI, May 4 (API): The Congress Agrarian Reforms Committee will meet here on May 24 to finalise its report on a uniform system of land tenure throughout India after the abolition of zamindari.

BALUCHIS TO BOYCOTT ADVISORY COUNCIL

KARACHI, May 4, (PTI-Reuter): The Baluchistan Tribes' Federation, which claims to represent 95 per cent of the people of the province decided today to boycott the recently formed Advisory Council for Baluchistan.

The decision was taken at a general meeting of the members of the Federation, who took oaths by the Holy Quoran that they would not accept any form of Council or legislature not based on adult franchise.

The meeting was attended by an overwhelming majority of members of the Shahi Jirga. Three Sardar nominees on the Advisory Council, including Nawab Jagzai, member of the Pakistan Constituent Assembly were also present.

The meeting unanimously passed a resolution declaring that Pakistan was an independent Islamic state and in it any undemocratic decision could not be imposed on any person or organisation. "Since the Baluchistan Tribes' Federation do not consider the Board's composition based on democratic principles they regret to reject it."

The resolution stated that if the Government did not regard the federation representative of 95 per cent of the people of the province they should conduct a referendum on the basis of adult franchise.

The resolution added: "The state of affairs has made the federation feel the difference between a state and Government more distinctively and while pledging loyalty to the state the federation asks the Government to respect the principles of

Russian Troops Halt Work

WANT U. S. MANAGER TO BE REPLACED

BERLIN, May 4 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Russian troops today halted all work in Berlin's Teltow Canal shipyards and ordered dismissal of the company's American sector manager and his replacement by this own nominee.

Colonel William Babcock American Deputy Commandant in Berlin, said he was "investigating the position". But United States action was unlikely unless the change affected the canal's property in the American sector.

He explained that the company's headquarters were in the Russian zone and that half its shares were held by that zone's Economic Commission.

The whole of the American sector portion of the canal, including part of the shipyards, was handed over by the Americans to the West Berlin City Government on April 30.

Russian tommygunners and Soviet zone German police who had occupied the yard left later today after ordering replacement of the American sector canal chief.

HungerStrike By C. P. Security Prisoners

(From Our Correspondent)

JUBBULPORE, (By Mail).

About a dozen security prisoners are on hunger-strike in the various jails of the Province, and their condition, according to the Government report, is satisfactory.

The Provincial Government have approved the renaming of the village Budhagarh, in the Jubbulpore district as Gandhigram with effect from April 28.

SOCIAL EDUCATION CAMPS

7,322 persons from the province have enrolled themselves as volunteers to run the social education summer camps. H.E. the Governor, C.P. and Berar, opened one of such camps on Sunday last at Pachmarhi-the summer seat of the C.P. Government.

Shri Sunderlal Mathur, agent of the Bhopal Harijan Sewak Sangh, has been removed from his office for breach of discipline and for submitting the alleged false accounts.

Clarifications Of Truce Proposals

MR. SAHAY MEETS DR. LOZANO

NEW DELHI, May 4. (U.P.I.): The Government of India had further clarifications of the 'final' truce proposals submitted by U.N.C.I.P. from their Chairman, Dr. Alfredo Lozano when Mr. Vishnu Sahay, India's Special Officer for Kashmir Affairs, met him this morning, it is learnt.

It is further learnt that Dr. Lozano's departure for Rawalpindi has been provisionally postponed till Sunday next unless reply from India and Pakistan justifies further stay in this country. Dr. Lozano will be leaving for Rawalpindi shortly, whereafter, the whole of U. N. headquarters might be shifted to Srinagar for climatic considerations.

But in the event of the reply being unfavourable the whole matter would be referred to the Security Council and further steps by U.N.C.I.P. would depend on instructions therefrom, it is learnt.

PERMANENT CHAIR IN EASTERN REGION

New Oxford Statue

OXFORD, May 4. (PTI-Reuter): The Congregation (principal legislative body) of Oxford University has approved a statute, making permanent the professorship of eastern religion and ethics.

This chair, established provisionally in 1935, has since been held by Sir Sarvapali Radhakrishnan, leading Indian philosopher and Fellow of All-Souls College, and present Chairman of the Executive Board of UNESCO and of the Indian University Commission.

The new statute reiterates the desire of the founders of the professorship to promote closer understanding between world religions and makes it clear that it is intended "normally" to appoint an Asian to the chair.

SUGAR PRODUCTION AND STOCKS

The opening stock, production, despatches and the closing stock of sugar in respect of control sugar factories in the Indian Union including Hyderabad during the fortnight ending February 28, 1949, were 11,089,000 maunds, 3,169,000 maunds, 1,513,000 maunds and 12,745,000 maunds respectively, reports the Director, Indian Institute of Sugar Technology, Kanpur, on the basis of returns received under Sugar Production Rules, 1935. The figures for the corresponding fortnight of the previous season were 10,873,000 maunds, 3,230,000 maunds 960,000 maunds and 13,143,000 maunds respectively. Figures for the current fortnight relate to 125 factories representing 94.6 per cent of the total cane crushing capacity, while figures of the previous year relate to 117 factories representing 88 per cent of the total cane crushing capacity.

The total figures for the production and despatches of sugar since November 1, 1948, are reported to be 16,398,000 maunds and 9,659,000 maunds respectively as against the corresponding figures of 17,360,000 maunds and 7,551,000 maunds during the previous season.

Pak Relationship With Commonwealth

LONDON, May 4 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, Prime Minister of Pakistan, said here tonight that he had made it clear at the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference that a final decision on Pakistan's future relationship with the Commonwealth rested with the Pakistan Constituent Assembly.

Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, was addressing over 500 Pakistan nationals in the United Kingdom at a reception at the London Islamic Cultural Centre.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

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in small and big lots

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PLACE OF SALE: Alipore Air Strip ground, near New Mint, Behala, Calcutta.

Full details regarding the vehicles can be had from the Auctioneers after 23-4-49. Meanwhile inspection is permitted from 16-4-49.

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Don't Accept Extra-Judicial Confession Of Madanlal To Dr. Jain

BANERJEE'S PLEA FOR CORROBORATION

Morarji Desai's Evidence Being "Weighted" In Godse Appeal Case

SIMLA, May 4 (U.P.I.)

Resuming his argument for the third day in the appeals arising from the Gandhi murder case before the full bench of the East Punjab High Court, Mr. Banerjee, Counsel for appellants Apte and Madanlal continued the reading of the evidence of Dr. J. C. Jain recorded by the Special Court in Delhi.

When Mr. Banerjee came to the portion of the evidence where Dr. Jain persuaded Madanlal, who was a refugee, not to accept service as a peon and to take up independent business and requested him either to sell vegetables or his books near about the time of Dewali, Mr. Justice Khosla enquired when the Diwali fell that year. It was pointed out that the Dewali fell on the 12th November that year.

As Mr. Banerjee came to the place where Madanlal was asked to sell Dr. Jain's books, Mr. Daphtary appearing for the Crown corrected that he was asked to sell his books at Poona.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR JAIN'S BOOK

Mr. Justice Khosla: Incidentally, Dr. Jain made advertisement of his books in the evidence.

With reference to Madanlal's address given in letters to Dr. Jain in respect of payment of his dues from the sale of his books, Mr. Justice Achru Ram enquired from the counsel if Madanlal's address was given to Dr. Jain as in the care of Karkare.

As regards the statement of Dr. Jain in connection with the time when a letter was written to him by Madanlal, Mr. Justice Khosla asked whether this cast any reflection on his memory.

Mr. Justice Achru Ram: The letter was shown to him later and he (Dr. Jain) said that he (Madanlal) paid a visit to him in the second week of December from memory only.

Mr. Banerjee submitted to the Court that there were two things in the suggestion of Madanlal, one about the organisation of a volunteer corps, and the other to render relief to refugees only. In connection with Dr. Jain's efforts to meet Sardar Patel to inform him about Madanlal and their attempt to throw bombs at Gandhi's prayer meeting, Mr. Justice Khosla asked: Was he then in Bombay?

Mr. Justice Achru Ram: Yes, he was in Bombay.

WHAT MADANLAL INTENDED

Mr. Justice Bhandari: There are two parts in Dr. Jain's statement that Madanlal intended to stage a peaceful demonstration in Gandhiji's prayer meeting but not to create any confusion.

Addressing the counsel, His Lordship observed it seems you admit that the first part is correct, second part is not. Do you admit that?

Mr. Justice Achru Ram: He intended to stage a peaceful demonstration.

Mr. Justice Achru Ram said that Badge came to sell arms to refugees and opened his trunk before Madanlal and at that time only the design of a plan to stage a peaceful demonstration, came to Madanlal's mind.

Mr. Banerjee submitted that the design of the plan was not corroborated.

Mr. Justice Achru Ram: We shall only decide by reading the evidence.

Mr. Banerjee submitted that Madanlal wanted to draw Gandhiji's attention at the time of his fast with reference to Gandhiji's efforts to rehabilitate the Muslims. But at that time no body was allowed to see him. He exploded the bomb on January 20 only to stage a peaceful demonstration.

Mr. Justice Achru Ram: But according to the prosecution much earlier than the 15th January?

DEMONSTRATION

Mr. Banerjee: Not to stage demonstration but to lead a deputation.

Mr. Justice Achru Ram: To lead a deputation to Gandhiji?

When Mr. Banerjee was reading the portion of Dr. Jain's evidence, when he replied to some cross-examination regarding some important events in the country, Mr. Justice Khosla said: What are these points?

Mr. Justice Achru Ram: To test his memory. Because he had given so detailed answers, these questions were put to him to test his memory in respect of other points.

In respect of Madanlal's statement, Mr. Justice Achru Ram asked the counsel that the cross-examination of the witness on behalf of Madanlal implied that Madanlal actually mentioned the names of some of his associates.

MADANLAL SAW DR. JAIN

Mr. Justice Achru Ram: From question on record it implies that Madanlal had seen Dr. Jain before leaving for Delhi. But Madanlal had made a statement to the contrary.

Mr. Justice Khosla: Then you admit that Madanlal saw Dr. Jain in January.

Dr. Banerjee: Yes.

Mr. Justice Khosla: But Madanlal denies.

Mr. Banerjee: In course of cross-examination, Dr. Jain admits having seen Madanlal.

Mr. Banerjee submitted that on the facts on record, Dr. Jain is an abettor because he had failed to give information about the commission of the crime to the police.

Mr. Justice Achru Ram: What was the legal omission? Mr. Banerjee: Legal omission was to report to the police what Madanlal told him.

Mr. Justice Achru Ram: He made frantic efforts to contact the Home Minister and others because he was afraid that he might be prosecuted for abetment.

Mr. Banerjee: This man may be regarded as in the conspiracy because he had not divulged it to the police.

Mr. Justice Achru Ram: But the prosecution case was that Madanlal saw Dr. Jain for the second time and told him that he was like a father to him and since he had asked him to desist, he promised to abide by his advice. Therefore, there was no occasion for Dr. Jain to report. Dr. Jain was satisfied with his promise.

Mr. Banerjee: This means that Your Lordships are accepting extra-judicial confession of Madanlal to Dr. Jain. Before accepting such an extra-judicial confession, Your Lordships should call for corroboration. That has been always the practice in this Court.

Mr. Justice Bhandari: But a reliable witness has to be believed.

ANGAD SINGH'S CORROBORATION

Mr. Justice Achru Ram: A week before the incident, Dr. J. C. Jain told Angad Singh that these people had designs on the life of Mahatma Gandhi. If that is so and if Angad Singh's statement is correct, then your explanation falls to the ground.

Mr. Banerjee said that Angad Singh was a liar and his testmony could not stand any test. His corroboration was no corroboration. His name was neither mentioned before the Magistrate nor before Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister.

Mr. Justice Bhandari: But why should Angad Singh perjure himself?

Mr. Banerjee submitted that it was a mere concoction by Dr. Jain to save his skin. Angad Singh's corroboration was no corroboration and could not be relied upon.

Mr. Justice Achru Ram remarked that Dr. Jain was worried and when Angad Singh asked him why he was worried, he said Madanlal had told him this. Angad Singh told him that it was only the talk of a disgruntled refugee. Dr. Jain told him that he had disuaded Madanlal from the plot.

Mr. Justice Achru Ram: This decision was probably taken by them and reassurance came from Madanlal later.

When Mr. Banerjee submitted that attempt was made to convey information of the design of the plot to Sardar Patel and Shri Jaiprakash Narain on the 21st only, Mr. Justice Achru Ram remarked that it was much easier to convey information to Jaiprakash Narain. Jaiprakash Narain was not the authority. He was only a left-winger of the Congress.

MORARJI DESAI'S EVIDENCE

Reading out the evidence of Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister of Bombay, Mr. Banerjee submitted that Mr. Desai said that three or four days before Dr. Jain met him on the 21st January, Madanlal left Bombay. But actually, Madanlal left Bombay on the 15th January.

Mr. Justice Achru Ram: This was also a second-hand story and Prof. Jain might have said four or five days before.

Mr. Banerjee further submitted that Prof. Jain persuaded Madanlal not to go to Delhi.

Mr. Justice Bhandari: But due to his prudence, Prof. Jain persuaded him not to go. But later Madanlal had told Prof. Jain he was going to Delhi on the occasion of a marriage.

THE TRAGEDY

Mr. Banerjee submitted that though Prof. Jain contacted Mr. Nagarwala four or five days before Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated, still he did not take down the statement of Prof. Jain before the 25th February.

Mr. Justice Achru Ram: That was a tragedy according to some people and why some people thought that Mahatma Gandhi could have been saved.

Mr. Banerjee submitted that when Prof. Jain told Mr. Nagarwala about the designed plan on Mahatma Gandhi, Mr. Nagarwala did not take any action because this seemed to be absurd to him.

Mr. Justice Achru Ram: Even after the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi it was very difficult to swallow. Mr. Nagarwala did not take any action as he thought it was absurd at the time also.

Mr. Banerjee submitted that Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was there at Bombay and he addressed a public meeting at Choupatty on the 17th January but still Dr. Jain did not inform him.

Mr. Justice Achru Ram remarked that probably Dr. Jain did not want that Madanlal should be put to trouble. If he had informed Sardar Patel, the Sardar would at once have asked him for the proof. Dr. Jain mentioned to Jaiprakash Narain only this that probably there was a big conspiracy.

Mr. Justice Bhandari: Mr. Morarji Desai passed on the information to Mr. Nagarwala and Mr. Desai thought that Mr. Nagarwala would move in the matter.

Mr. Justice Achru Ram said that Mr. Nagarwala and the police of Bombay were not on trial. The fact remained that Madanlal who had conspired to put an end to the life of Mahatma Gandhi had been arrested at Delhi after the explosion and Mr. Nagarwala may have thought that was the end of the matter.

It may have been an error on the part of Mr. Morarji Desai or Mr. Nagarwala, but we are not concerned with it. That is not the question before us. The question before us is: What is the view to be taken of the evidence of Mr. Desai. We have to weigh his evidence in the Court. That is all.

WHEN BADGE SHOWED REVOLVER

Mr. Banerjee, refering to the evidence of Dixit Maharaj, drew the attention of the Court that according to Dixit Maharaj, the revolver was shown to him by Badge on the 18th January and not on the 17th.

In another stage, the counsel submitted that in witness's evidence it was stated that Badge saw Dixit Maharaj on the 16th. But Badge said he met the witness on the 18th.

Mr. Justice Bhandari: This is a little matter.

Mr. Justice Achru Ram: He might have to see him on the 16th but could not see him and met him on the 18th.

Mr. Banerjee: Is Badge's statement incorrect.

Mr. Justice Achru Ram: He was not quite sure about the date.

With reference to "tabla and daggi" in Dixit Maharaj's evidence, Mr. Justice Khosla wanted to know what was this thing.

Mr. Dapthary explained that this was a musical instrument.

Mr. Justice Achru Ram: "Tabla" is a Punjabi word and we understand what was "tabla."

With regard to the date of interview of Badge with Dixit Maharaj, Mr. Justice Achru Ram remarked that 15th January was the date of interview of Badge and others.

TESTING MEMORY

In connection with various questions to the witness in his cross-examinations regarding the date of interview, Mr. Justice Achru Ram said that his memory was being tested. Probably many questions were asked as to how he remembered the date of the interview and Dixit Maharaj referred to an astrologer's prophecy that he would meet with accident on the 17th January and he remembered that the interview was two days earlier than the date of prophecy of accident and he met with an accident on 17th January.

Continuing, Mr. Banerjee referred to the evidence of Shanta Ram, a refugee from Karachi with whom Karkare and Madanlal had travelled by train from Bombay to Delhi on January 5, 1948.

The counsel also read out evidences of various witnesses of Sharif Hotel and Marine Hotel where the accused were alleged to have stayed at Delhi. Their stay in those hotels, he said has not denied. Only the meeting of 20th January was denied.

Mr. Banerjee submited that while some of other accused passed under fictitious names, Madanlal never assumed false name.

Mr. Banerjee had not conclued when the Court rose for the day.

NO PLACE FOR 'REDS' IN U. P.

Home Minister's Call For Support To Congress

JHANSI, May 3 (A.P.I.): Mr. Lal Bahadur Shastri, Home Minister of U.P., said yesterday: "The U.P. Government is determined to fight the Communists with all the resources at their command".

The Communists would not be given any quarter because they aimed to overthrow the government by force, violence and sabotage, he added.

Mr. Shastri, who was presiding over the Jhansi District Political Conference held at Lalitpur, about 60 miles from Jhansi, said: "Let the communists know once for all that their tactics will meet with their doom in this province, because not only government but the people are determined to give a crushing blow to them".

Referring to the socialist stand, Mr. Shastri said that the socialists "could not produce a single nation-building plan".

The Home Minister appealed to the people for maximum co-operation and said, "you can take it from me that within ten years poverty, starvation, illiteracy and want will be a thing of the past in India".

CONGRESS EXECUTIVE IN E. PUNJAB STATES

Call To A. I. C. C. To Form Ad Hoc Committee

AMBALA, May 4 (A.P.I.): A large number of Congressmen in the Patiala and East Punjab States Union have requested the All-India Congress Committee to form an "ad hoc" committee for the Union in place of the present Provincial Congress Committee.

A memorandum submitted by them to the All-India Congress Committee stated that dissentions among Congressmen of the Union were increasing and small groups were being formed.

The memorandum added that the members of the Union Congress executive owed their present position to elections held five years ago and so had lost all representative character.

Hindu Sabha Opposes Hindu-Sikh Party

AMRITSAR, May 4 (UPI): The Hindu Mahasabha Convention which was attended here by Mahant Digvijayanath, Prof. Deshpande and other Hindu Sabha leaders has expressed opposition to the present Hindu-Sikh Party in the East Punjab Cabinet.

BOMBAY'S STREET VENDORS

92. The China-Silk-Walla

If sometimes you enjoy the luxury of a silk shirt which comes from the first wash with only the warp ends of the thread, the woof having completely vanished, do not blame the dhobi. Someone has tempted you into buying "China silk" at a time when China is too disturbed either to produce or to export silk. Only the seller may be Chinese, the silk bundle on the pillion of his bicycle having come from a mill next door to you. His smiling eyes and the Chinesey Hindi which he speaks with ease, have won him a friend in you. Knowing you to be a prospective victim, he might even have discussed Chiang and "Kanti" (Gandhi) and won your esteem. The China-silk-walla in India is an institution as ancient as the Chinese silk. For a number of years, he was a confirmed pedestrian, carrying a load of cotn big enough to break the back of an Indian coolie. He took to the luxury of a second handbicycle only during a prosperity wave. He clings to the machine even though he has fallen on evil times. He is brave in days of adversity because his versatility helps him change from a silk-walla to the maker of artificial flowers or to a shoe repairer at short notice.

RECLAIMING 65,000,000 ACRES OF LAND

Major Problem Engaging Govt.'s Attention

BOMBAY, May 4 (A.P.I.): Reclamation of "cultivable land", estimated at 65 million acres, is a major problem engaging the earnest attention of the Government of India.

The problem, the solution of which is one of the pre-requisites of stepping up the food production in India, is being tackled by the Central Government in co-operation with the Provincial Governments.

A spokesman of the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, told the "Associated Press of India" today that "surprisingly good yields" had been obtained from the sowings on reclaimed lands.

The period from December to May, which is considered the best season for the work of reclamation, saw considerable progress, the spokesman said. During the year 1948, a total of 4,45,833 acres of cultivable waste land was brought under cultivation, resulting in an additional foodcrop yield of nearly 1,22,895 tons.

Encouraged by the good yields, the Ministry of Agriculture gave fresh impetus to their five-year plan of self-sufficiency in food by extending the work of reclamation to other provinces, in addition to the concentrated areas in U.P., East Punjab, C.P. and Madhya Bharat. A target had been set for them and other provinces, and the provincial authorities had been asked to complete the work of reclaiming 1,10,000 acres before June this year.

SHORTAGE OF BULLOCK POWER

The spokesman said that acute shortage of bullock power had hampered the work in some areas, notably in East Punjab.

The spokesman added that the shortage was due to the migration of Muslims, many of whom took their cattle with them.

The work of reclamation was being conducted under the direction of the Central Tractor Organisation attached to the Ministry of Agriculture, the spokesman said. Working on the principle of "no profit, no loss" this organisation trained a number of persons for handling mechanical equipment used in various parts of the country for reclaiming lands.

There was immense scope for the essential work of reclamation, the spokesman said. He estimated the total area of "cultivable land" at 65 million acres. In view of the shortage of men and equipment, he thought that mechanical reclamation of sizable blocks of land aggregating two million acres would be easy and advantageous. If the limited acreage was reclaimed and brought under the plough, an yield of two million tons of foodgrains could be expected, he said.

U. P. SCHEME

The spokesman said that the United Provinces Government had finalised a scheme for reclamining and colonizing 47,000 acres of alluvial land. The scheme had been in operation in three stages, and it was expected that before the next monsoon a further 12,000 acres could be reclaimed. The area would be split into blocks of ten acres, representing the normal holding of a family.

Mixed Grill

AS we sat planning the day's work this morning, a somewhat shabbily dressed person came and beckoned to a colleague. He went out and found an old lady, her daughter and son-in-law waiting on the landing. The gentleman who had called that colleague, explained that those three were on the streets. It was a pitiable case. He requested my colleague to accommodate them for a week or so.

Naturally the request was declined. Accommodating relatives, visitors and stray but genteel persons in distress is a hazardous undertaking these days.

We swapped stories on that angle. My best story in that line was when a cousin asked to put up with me for two months. Sometime after he left, I got a wire addressed to him announcing that some person named in the wire was arriving. I did not know him from Adam. But sure as fate, at an odd hour of the night appeared two young men followed by a coolie carrying an assortment of luggage.

One of them introduced himself as a relative of my cousin. The other was his friend. They had arrived in the city to join a college for a course of studies which would normally last two years, if all went well. The term had long begun. They had not applied for a seat. They had no idea where they were going to stay or where they would eat. To all the questions I put to them, they had but one answer. They thought my cousin was here and he would do everything for us. I was so annoyed at this bland complacency that I asked them if they thought my cousin was the King of Bombay.

For two nights we moved aside the chairs and tables and huddled ourselves with knees drawn in. On the third day I took courage in both hands and asked them to go. They went — like the good people they were.

My colleague had an even better tale to tell. He was living in a room when a man and wife desperately in search of shelter came in and asked to be accommodated "just for a few days" till they could make some arrangements. He moved into a smaller room occupied by a neighbour telling him to bear with him "just for a few days."

They stayed on for two years and a half. They got a baby. They would have got more if the landlord had not intervened. The civil court did what my colleague could not do.

Only, with the couple and the young hopeful on the footpath, were my colleague and his friendly neighbhour as well. All of them were thinking of somebody or other who could accommodate them "just for a few days." The court had been impartial. All of them were on the streets.

Grumbler

MR. GANPATHY HANGED IN MALAYA

Indian Representations Fruitless

SINGAPORE, May 4 (P.T.I.-Reuter): S. R. Ganapathy, former President of the Pan-Malayan Federation of Trade Unions, was hanged in Kuala Lumpur this morning.

He is the first Indian in Malaya to be sentenced to death under the emergency regulations.

Ganapathy, 24-year-old Tamil, was found guilty and sentenced to death at the Selangor Assizes on March 15 on a charge of carrying a .45 revolver and six rounds of ammunition.

The execution of Mr. Ganapathy, came as a complete surprise to Indians here.

Mr. J. A. Thivy, Indian representative in Malaya, who had made several representations for Ganapathy's reprieve was in Kuala Lumpur yesterday, but he would not say whether he had gone to make a last effort for a reprieve or to deliver a protest.

"PREMONITION"

Some Indians here said they had a "premonition" that Ganapathy would be executed this week. Government authorities at Kuala Lumpur and the Commissioner of the prison both refused to give any details of the execution, which took place within the prison walls.

It was announced last month that the Sultan of Selangor State was to decide in council whether the death sentence should be carried out, following Mr. Thivy's representations.

During his trial by the Selangor Assizes, Ganapathy pleading "not guilty", had said that he had in a jungle when the emergency regulations were introduced last June and was on his way to surrender the revolver to the police when arrested.

His appeal against the sentence and conviction to the Malayan Federation Court of Appeal at Kuala Lumpur on April 1 was formally dismissed.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Mr. J. A. Thivy, Indian Government representative in Malaya had made representations on behalf of Ganapathy to the Malayan Federation Government, who had told him that his representations would be placed before the Sultan of Selangor State for consideration.

Mr. Thivy had expressed his personal opinion in a press interview then that "although according to the emergency regulations a man in possession of firearms is automatically liable to the death sentence there is reasonable ground in this particular case to exercise mercy because of the circumstances under which Ganapathy was arrested".

The death sentence was confirmed by the Selangor Executive Council on April 23 after dismissal of an appeal by the Court of Appeal on April 1.

The Executive Council was understood to have considered several petitions for Ganapathy's reprieve, including a communication from the Government of India sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

PARLIAMENT QUESTION

LONDON: Political developments to the execution in Malaya early this morning of Mr. Ganapathy were being watched with close interest in Whitehall.

Colonial Under Secretary Arthur Rees Williams was replying in Parliament later today to a question on the case.

Colonial experts here anticipated there might be far—reaching developments following the executions. Legal experts on colonial matters are investigating the constitutional issues involved in the carrying out of the death sentence, and also the question of jurisdiction governing the many appeals that were made on behalf of Mr Ganapathy.

Observers pointed out that under the Federation of Malaya Agreement, the exercise of the prerogative of mercy is "a matter for the ruler of the State in which the offence has been committed.

With the legal advice of the Federation Attorney General".

MUTT AND JEFF—Maybe Maw Could Use A Comb — By BUD FISHER

THAT MAN AND HIS WIFE EACH ORDERED A HAM SANDWICH BUT SHE'S NOT EATING HERS!
MAYBE THERE'S SOMETHIN' WRONG WITH IT!
GO OVER AND FIND OUT!
BEG PARDON - IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE LADY'S SANDWICH? SHE'S NOT EATING HERS!
NAW! NUTHIN' WRONG WITH MAW'S SANDWICH!-
-SHE'S JUST A WAITIN' FER HER TEETH! I'M A USIN' 'EM NOW!
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Fisher

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